



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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FOI Reference number: FOI 85/2024

Date: 14 February 2025

Request:

1 The full cost to the public (per tax year 2017 - 2023) for the Selected medical practitioner(s)

Answer:

2017 / 18	2018 / 19	2019 / 20	2020 / 21	2021 / 22	2022 / 23
£165,496	£102,795	£182,978	£112,401	£158,715	£142,530

Request:

2 The full cost to the public (per tax year 2017 - 2023) for the independent medical referee(s)

Answer:

2017 / 18	2018 / 19	2019 / 20	2020 / 21	2021 / 22	2022 / 23
£372,409	£105,803	-£21,437	£11,160	£26,397	£19,120

* The negative amount included in 2019/20 IMR costs relates to an audited accounting adjustment to release costs anticipated but which did not come to fruition.

Request:

3 The full breakdown of charges for each job for each role (2017 - 2023) (initial exam, reconsideration, amendments, appeals etc)

Answer:

The Freedom of Information Act covers any recorded information that is held by a public authority. Having conducted a search of our accounting records it has been established that the Northern Ireland Policing Board (the **Board**) does hold information however, it would require us to re-visit our budget spend, over the years requested. To determine a full breakdown of charges would fall outside the financial limit (Appropriate limit) of this request.

As such section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act (Requests where the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit) applies. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations and for the Board it is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours in determining whether the Board holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

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If you have queries about this request or the decision, please contact the Board quoting the reference number above. If you are unhappy with the service you have received and wish to make a complaint or request a review you should contact the Board's Chief Executive -

Via Email: foi@nipolicingboard.org.uk

Or in writing at the following address:

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or in writing at:

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Wycliffe House
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Wilmslow
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Telephone: - 0303 1231114

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