



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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FOI Reference number: FOI 66/2025

Date: 26 November 2025

Request:

As a follow up to FOI 60 2025, if this is the case could I please have the information requested from November 2022.

1. The number of officers / retired officers who have applied for a reconsideration in relation to their banding only, IOD/RIOD?
2. How many applicants have been granted a reconsideration?
3. How many applicants received a change to their banding after a reconsideration?
4. How many applicants received a change to their reassessment date after a reconsideration?
5. The number of officers / retired officers who have applied for a reconsideration in relation to their implementation date only, IOD/RIOD? How many applicants have been granted a reconsideration?
6. How many applicants received a change to their implementation date after a reconsideration?
7. The number of officers / retired officers who have applied for a reconsideration in relation to their banding and implementation date only, IOD/RIOD? How many applicants have been granted a reconsideration?
8. How many applicants received a change to their implementation date after a reconsideration?

Answer:

1. A reconsideration of an Injury on Duty (**IOD**) Award made under the *PSNI and PSNI Reserve (Injury Benefit) Regulations 2006 (the 2006 Regulations)* will involve the medical practitioner addressing all the statutory questions which includes the banding of any IOD Award.

Since November 2022, there has been 29 reconsiderations conducted by the Selected Medical Practitioner (**SMP**), under the 2006 Regulations only, which have reached completion. By way of outcomes, the SMP has overturned the previous decision in three cases.

Since November 2022, there has been one IMR reconsideration request made under the 2006 Regulations only, which have reached completion. In this case the IMR overturned the previous decision.

2. *Regulation 31(2) of the 2006 Regulations* states that:

‘The Board and the claimant may, by agreement, refer any final decision of a medical authority who has given such a decision to him for reconsideration, and he shall accordingly reconsider his decision and, if necessary, issue a fresh report and certificate....’

However, Northern Ireland Policing Board Officials has taken your question to mean, how many applicants have had the decision of the SMP or IMR overtured on reconsideration. With that in mind please see response to question 1.

3. See response to Question 1

4. One.

5. The implementation date is not a statutory question set out under the *2006 Regulations* therefore this cannot be the sole basis for a reconsideration case being referred back to the SMP/ IMR. For a case to be referred back for reconsideration, all questions previously considered by the previous medical authority would be referred again. In practice this means that an applicant’s banding may increase, decrease, remain the same, or be removed in its entirety, dependent on the expert medical opinion.

6. Regarding three SMP reconsiderations which overturned the previous decision, each case was overturned from a refusal of an IOD to a banding awarded. With that in mind, in each case an implementation date was given. Regarding the reconsideration by the IMR whereby the previous decision was overturned, there was no change to the implementation date.

7. See response to Questions 1 & 5

8. See answer to Question 6.

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