



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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FOI Reference number: FOI 63/2025

Date: 27 January 2026

Request:

1. From the period 1 January 2018 to date, how many injury on duty applications (including those made at the same time as ill-health retirement applications) have been considered by SMPs relating to PSNI officers? Ideally, please could you break this response down by year?
2. Of the IOD applications, what was the outcome? For example, IOD not awarded, Band 1, band 2 etc. Again, ideally please could you break this down by year?
3. Of these, how many have been appealed by the officer concerned? Please break this information down by reference to the previous question, for example, appeal against non-award of IOD, against Band 1, against Band 2 etc.
4. How many of these appeals have been concluded by an IMR making a decision?
5. How many of the concluded appeals have resulted in either an IOD being awarded after decision of non-award, or a change in the banding? Again, please could you break this information down by reference to questions 2 & 3, so for example - appeal against non award - outcome: No change, Band 1, Band 2 etc; appeal against Band 1 - no change, band 2, band 3 etc

Answer:

I can confirm that the Board holds information falling within the description specified in your request. However, we estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit. 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. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Board is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further.

If you narrow the scope of your request, to questions 1 & 2 and drop questions 3, 4 & 5, or if you narrow the request to questions 1 & 2 and provide a 6-month time period for questions 3, 4 & 5 as the answer these questions would require a manual trawl of records the Board may be able to provide the information required because it would cost less than the appropriate limit to do so. For information on SMP assessments between 2020 -2025 and appeals as of April 2025 I refer you to FOI 29 2025 <https://www.nipolicingboard.org.uk/files/nipolicingboard/2025-06/foi-imr-process-in-the-years-2020-2025.PDF>

Any reformulated request the Board receives from you will be treated as a fresh FOI request.

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:

Northern Ireland Policing Board
James House
Block D
2 – 4 Cromac Avenue
The Gasworks
Belfast
BT7 2JA

You should contact the Board within 40 working days of this response.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot investigate or make a decision on a case unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Board. You should make complaints to the ICO within six weeks of receiving the outcome of an internal review.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at the following web link –

www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints

or in writing at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
SK9 5AF

Telephone: - 0303 1231114

Email: - ni@ico.org.uk

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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.