



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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Request:

Please provide the following recorded information held by the Northern Ireland Policing Board (NIPB):

Details of the bodies, offices, or authorities (including any government departments, Ministers, or Assembly bodies) to whom the NIPB is formally accountable or answerable in relation to:

1. governance; statutory compliance; and performance of its public functions.

Response:

The public functions of the Board are set out in primary legislation - Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000 which can be accessed on line at:

[Police \(Northern Ireland\) Act 2000](#)

The formal governance structure in relation to staff in NIPB follow from the Accounting Officer responsibilities. The Chief Executive is a sub accounting officer appointed by the Departmental Accounting Officer, and the governance responsibilities flow from this appointment.

2. Any recorded policies, governance frameworks, memoranda, or guidance documents that describe:

how accountability for the Policing Board is exercised; and what oversight or assurance arrangements exist beyond the Chair and Chief Executive.

Response: The published complaints policy provides details on how to raise issues beyond the perimeters of the boards structures. The link to this published policy is:

[Making a Complaint | Northern Ireland Policing Board](#)

The relevant section is section 9 on raising a complaint if there is dissatisfaction, after following the internal stages of the complaints procedure.

If the complaint relates to issues regards an FOI request then the FOI complaints handing policy should be used, this can be found at :

[Making a Freedom of Information Complaint | Northern Ireland Policing Board](#)

The financial accounts of the Board and audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland, and is a separate layer of formal financial review.

3. The identity of the role, office, or body (job title or organisational name only) that should be contacted where:

The Chair and/or Chief Executive fail to respond to correspondence; valid questions remain unanswered; or there is concern about statutory non-compliance, including failure to meet FOIA obligations.

Response: See response to Question 2 (above) in relation to “Making a Freedom of Information Complaint”.

4. Any internal procedures, guidance, or escalation documents setting out how concerns about:

non-response; maladministration; or failure to engage by senior leadership are to be handled, including who is responsible for addressing such concerns.

Response: See response to question 2 (above).

5. Any recorded information explaining how members of the public are informed of escalation or complaint routes when correspondence or statutory requests are not responded to by senior NIPB officials.

Response: See response to question 2 (above).

If any of the requested information is already publicly available, please provide a link or reference.

If you believe that any part of this request exceeds the appropriate cost limit, please advise me under section 16 of the Act how the request may be refined.

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

Please be advised that Policing Board replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.nipolicingboard.org.uk.

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