



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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FOI Reference number: FOI 18/2026

Date: 1 April 2026

Request:

1. On 22/07/2025, what work did Dr Humphries undertake for the Northern Ireland Policing Board, I am aware that he carried out one IOD IHR, Reconsideration? Did he carry out any further IOD assessments? If so, how many?
2. Do the NIPB maintain a time log of the time spent by a SMP in carrying out a Reconsideration assessment?
3. Where are these Reconsiderations carried out?
4. Are they carried out at NIPB premises?
5. What is the average time anticipated by the NIPB to be carried out by a SMP in carrying out a Reconsideration?
6. How many hours did Dr Humphries claim to have worked on 22/07/2025?

Answer:

1. As this is personal information, pertain to individual Selected Medical Practitioners, the Board is not in a position to provide a response to this request.
This personal information is exempt from disclosure to you under section 40(2) by virtue of section 40(3)(a)(i) of the FOIA. Section 40(2) allows a public authority to withhold information from a response to a request for information under the FOIA when the information requested is personal information relating to someone other than the requester and its disclosure would contravene one of the data protection principles. The first data protection principle requires personal data to be processed fairly and lawfully. This personal data is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the FOIA as, in our view, it would be unfair to provide it to you, and therefore disclosure would be in contravention of the first principle of the UK General Data Protection Regulation. This is an absolute exemption and there is no requirement to conduct a public interest test.
2. No
3. Reconsiderations may be carried out at NIPB premises or remotely, in a suitably secure environment, given the paper-based nature and the fact that all SMPs have secure

laptops.

4. See response to Question 3 above.
5. As per Question 2 the Board does not keep a time log and there is no stipulated time frame to carry out medical assessments within the governing Regulations.
6. The Board does not hold a record of this information. By way of explanation, SMP assessments are not recorded in hours, rather they are conducted by assessment.

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

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Wycliffe House
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