



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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FOI Reference number: FOI 16/2026

Date: 29 April 2026

Request:

I seek recorded information concerning the delivery of Remediable Service Statements (“RSS”) for members of the PSNI police pension scheme affected by the McCloud remedy.

1. Any policy, decision paper, briefing, or governance document produced by or for the Northern Ireland Policing Board which sets out the sequencing or prioritisation of RSS statements between categories of members (for example serving members, retired members, deferred members, or beneficiaries).
2. Any document recording the decision to prioritise serving members ahead of retired members when issuing RSS statements.
3. Any document explaining the rationale for that sequencing decision.
4. The date on which the decision regarding the order of issuing RSS statements was approved and the job title of the person or body who approved it.
5. Any Section 75 equality screening form or Equality Impact Assessment carried out in relation to:
 - (a) the sequencing of RSS statements, or
 - (b) the extension of the RSS deadline beyond 31 March 2025.
6. Any document notifying or reporting to the Pensions Regulator that the statutory RSS deadline had been missed.
7. The total number of PSNI police pension scheme members affected by the McCloud remedy and, as at the date this request is answered:
 - (a) the number of RSS statements issued to serving members; and
 - (b) the number of RSS statements issued to retired members.
8. Any recorded estimate, calculation, briefing, or internal analysis held by the Northern Ireland Policing Board or provided to it regarding the financial liability arising from the delayed implementation of the McCloud remedy for retired members of the PSNI police pension scheme, including:
 - (a) estimated pension arrears owed to retired members;
 - (b) estimated lump sum adjustments owed; and
 - (c) any estimate of interest payable on underpaid benefits.

Answer:

1. The Northern Ireland Policing Board (the Board) does not hold a record of this information. By way of explanation, all public sector schemes issued their Remediable Service Statements (RSS) in the same order. The deadlines set in the Regulations had the issuing of RSS to active/serving members as the earliest deadline which was 31 August 2024 (to line up with Annual benefit Statement issue dates) whereas the deadline for all other RSS, including retired members was 31 March 2025. However, due to late national guidance being received which could impact the issuing of serving members statements, the PSNI Pension Branch commenced issuing RSS to retired members from October 2023 onwards and to serving members in September 2025.
2. See response to Question 1
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6. I can confirm that the Board holds information falling within the description specified in your request. This information is exempt under section 44 (1) (a) of the FOIA, by virtue of the Pensions Act 2004 Section 82 (4a). As this is an absolute exemption the Board is not required to carry out a public interest test.
7. To date, total affected – 6,450 members
(a) 3,410 and
(b) 1,400 (from October 2023 onwards)
8. The Board do not hold a record of this information.

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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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.

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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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