



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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FOI Reference number: FOI 40/2026

Date: 7 September 2026

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following recorded information. This request follows the Police Service of Northern Ireland's response to FOI/18301, in which PSNI confirmed that it does not routinely receive a numerical percentage representing an applicant's degree of disablement and advised that the Northern Ireland Policing Board would be better placed to answer questions concerning the information supplied to PSNI Pensions Branch.

I therefore request the following:

1. Please confirm whether the information routinely supplied by the Northern Ireland Policing Board to PSNI Pensions Branch following the approval of an Injury on Duty award has changed at any time since 1 January 2014.
2. If the answer is yes, please provide:
 - a) the date (or approximate date) the change was introduced;
 - b) a brief description of the change; and
 - c) the recorded policy, decision or instruction authorising that change.
3. Please confirm whether the Northern Ireland Policing Board has, at any time since 1 January 2014, routinely supplied PSNI Pensions Branch with:
 - a) an applicant's percentage degree of disablement;
 - b) any calculation of loss of earning capacity.If so, please state when that practice ceased and provide the recorded policy, decision or instruction authorising the change.

Answer:

1. Yes
2. (a) September 2016
(b) Medical Practitioners make a judgment in the round as to the severity of the impact of the duty injury on the officer's earning capacity, so as to select the officer's appropriate band without the need to calculate a specific percentage disablement figure.
(c) Recommendation 8 Scofield Review, November 2014
3. (a) Yes
(b) No
(c) Please see response to 2 (c) above

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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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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