



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

**FOI Reference number: 20/2019**

**Date: 23 October 2019**

**Request:**

As a result of an FOI in 2014 29/2014 you stated you were reviewing the IOD award process. This was as a result of the withdrawal of circular 06/2007 and a report by a QC.

1. Has this review finished?
2. If so what were it decisions?
- 3 What criteria does the NIPB give to its SMPs (Select Medical Practitioners) to use when conducting IOD awards at the current time?

**Answer:**

1. Yes.
2. Mr David Scoffield QC completed a review of the Injury on Duty Award process. His comprehensive report can be found on the Board's website with his analysis and recommendations contained therein. A link\* to this report is provided for ease of reference: <https://www.nipolicingboard.org.uk/sites/nipb/files/media-files/redacted-version-of-scoffield-report.pdf>
3. The criteria for injury on duty awards is contained within the relevant legislation, being the *PSNI & PSNI Reserve (Injury Benefit) Regulations 2006*. The Board's Selected Medical Practitioners undertake their responsibilities in line with this legislation and the relevant criteria for awards is contained therein. A link\* to this legislation is provided for ease of reference: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisr/2006/268/contents/made>

\*As the information is accessible by other means the exemption at section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is engaged.

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