



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

**FOI Reference number:** 04/2017

**Date:** 21 February 2017

### **Request:**

1. How many injury on duty appeals remain pending as at 31st December 2016.
2. What is the average rate of progression from receipt to decision.
3. How many appeals were processed in 2016 with a breakdown of those upheld, rejected and withdrawn

### **Answer:**

1. The Board holds the following figures for appeals cases as at 1 January 2017 - there were 309 pending appeals including 152 with the Department of Justice.
2. The average time from the submission of the appeal forms to a decision was 18 months.

The rate of progression from receipt of the appeal application to the decision being made by the Northern Ireland Policing Board following return of medical assessment from the Department of Justice varied greatly dependent on several factors including the complexity of the medical condition(s) presented and the number and type of conditions.

Figures given for any timeframe do not take into account cases which remain pending throughout the given period or those withdrawn as a decision has not been taken in these cases.

No period of time is specified in the request and figures have therefore been given for the period 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016 to allow comparison. Appeals concluded during this period may have begun outside this period and this is reflected in the average rate of completion.

3. From our records, there were 76 appeal cases processed between January 2016 and December 2016. The breakdown of outcomes is as follows:

23 were upheld  
46 were overturned  
9 were withdrawn

**Please note:** 2 cases have been double-counted as the refusal of Ill Health Retirement was overturned whilst the refusal of an Injury on Duty Award was upheld.

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