



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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Request:

Please provide an explanation as to why the Northern Ireland Policing Board requires those entitled to commutation arrears in Northern Ireland have been requested to sign a disclaimer before payment is issued whereas those recipients in the rest of the United Kingdom have been informed by the Home Office that this disclaimer is no longer required.

Answer

Pension matters are devolved in Northern Ireland since 2010 and as a devolved matter the Northern Ireland Policing Board take direction from the Department of Justice (DOJ), not the Home Office. The Policing Board as the Pension Manager for the Police Pensions Schemes, following discussion with the Department of Justice decided that a Discharge Letter would be issued and payment would only be made if it is signed and returned to Pensions Branch.

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 write to the Board's Chief Executive at the following address:

Northern Ireland Policing Board
Waterside Tower
31 Clarendon Road
Clarendon Dock
Belfast BT1 3BG

email: foi@nipolicingboard.org.uk

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. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:-

The Information Commissioner's Office – Northern Ireland
3rd Floor
14 Cromac Place
Ormeau Road
Belfast
BT7 2JB.

Telephone: - 0303 1231114
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