



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

FOI Reference number: FOI 42/2016

Date: 20 October 2016

Request: Request for a hard copy of the Scofield Report in relation to Policing in Northern Ireland and the appropriate Home Office guidance in relation to Police Absence Management

Answer:

1. A hard copy of the Scofield report on the, 'Review of the present arrangements for the payment of ill health pensions and injury on duty awards to former police officers' is enclosed. The report is also available on the Northern Ireland Policing Board Website at <https://www.nipolicingboard.org.uk/scofield-review-injury-duty-award-scheme>.

Redactions have been made to the Report in order to:

- i. ensure third party data is not disclosed in line with data protection principles. Section 40 (2) (Third party personal information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) applies, and
 - ii. remove references, primarily contained within Chapter 13, in relation to draft proposals for revised injury benefit regulations. As the Department of Justice will be publishing a draft of the injury benefit regulations for public consultation, at a future date, it is the Board's view that the exemption under section 22 (Information intended for future publication) of the FOIA applies.
2. The Board does not hold the Home Office guidance in relation to Police Absence Management. I can advise however that the attendance management policy within the Police Service for Northern Ireland (PSNI) is owned by the Chief Constable and is currently being updated. If you have not already done so, you may wish to contact the Police Service for Northern Ireland who may be able to help with your request.

Contact details for the Police Service for Northern Ireland

https://www.psni.police.uk/advice_information/freedom-of-information/How-to-make-a-FOI-Request/

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:-

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
SK9 5AF

Telephone: - 0303 1231114
Email: - ni@ico.org.uk

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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.