



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

FOI Reference number: FOI 48/2015

Date: 28 September 2015

Request:

1. *How many Police Officers have been medically retired from the PSNI from January 2011 to August 2015? (Please apply these dates to all of the following questions, thank you).*
2. *How many of these medically retired PSNI officers previously served in the Royal Ulster Constabulary GC and / or the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reserve?*
3. *How many medically retired police officers have PSNI service only?*
4. *What is the break-down of (i) Male police officers and (ii) Female police officers medically retired from the PSNI during this time?*
5. *What are the ages of the individual police officers medically retired from the RUC / PSNI during this time?*
6. *What are the lengths of policing service for each individual police officer medically retired during this time?*
7. *How many male police officers have been medically retired due to 'physical' injuries only during this time?*
8. *How many male police officers have been medically retired due to 'psychological' injuries only during this time?*
9. *How many male police officers have been medically retired due to both 'physical' and 'psychological' injuries during this time?*
10. *How many Female police officers have been medically retired due to 'physical' injuries only during this time?*
11. *How many Female police officers have been medically retired due to 'psychological' injuries only during this time?*
12. *How many Female police officers have been medically retired due to both 'physical' and 'psychological' injuries during this time?*

13. *How many police officers and ex-police officers have been assessed for ill health retirement and injury on duty award by the Blackwell Associates sessional employee - Dr Winnie Maguire GMC: 1393312?*
14. *How many police officers medically retired during this time period are related to;*
- a. *Senior PSNI officers.*
 - b. *NIPB Police Administration Branch Staff.*
 - c. *NIPB Officials.*
 - d. *NIPB Board Members*
 - e. *The NIPB's SMP - Blackwell Associates, their doctors and staff.*
 - f. *The DOJ's staff and Officials.*
 - g. *The DOJ's PIMR and IMR's?*
15. *How many Northern Ireland Policing Board members were previously or are presently affiliated to, connected with or are members of Sinn Fein, PIRA, IRA or any other Irish Republican Terrorist group?*
16. *How many Northern Ireland Policing Board members have been convicted and imprisoned for their links to Irish Republican Terrorist organisations?*
17. *How many Northern Ireland Policing Board members have been convicted and imprisoned for their links to either (i) terrorist and / or (ii) criminal related activity?*

Answer

In relation to Questions 1 – 13, I can confirm that the Policing Board holds information that falls within the description specified in your request. However, the Policing Board has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and for the Policing Board is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours in determining whether the Policing Board holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Consequently, the Policing Board is not obliged by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to respond to your request (see section 12(1)).

If you narrow the scope of your request, the Policing Board may be able to provide the information because it would cost less than the appropriate limit to do so. For example if you revised your request to a 12 month period. Any reformulated request the Policing Board receives from you will be treated as a fresh FOI request.

With respect to Questions 14 – 17 the Policing Board does not hold this information.

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
12 Cromac Place
Gasworks
Ormeau Road
Belfast
BT7 2JB.

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.