



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

**FOI Reference number:** FOI 57/2015

**Date:** 29 October 2015

**Request:**

1. *The number of cases that have been referred to the Pensions Ombudsman*
2. *The number of cases, where the PO has ruled in favour of the applicant.*
3. *The number of cases, where the PO has ruled in favour of NIPB.*
4. *The number of fines inflicted on NIPB and how much?*
5. *The number of times the PO has been critical of NIPB, and what are the criticisms?*
6. *The number of times the PO has criticised the SMP's.*
7. *Who are they and what are the criticisms?*

**Answer**

Question 1

The Policing Board does not hold this information, as referrals to the Pensions Ombudsman Service are made by the complainant. You should direct your request to the Pensions Ombudsman Service.

Questions 2 – 7

The Policing Board holds the information requested. However the Pensions Ombudsman Service publishes all determinations on its website ([pensions-ombudsman.org.uk](http://pensions-ombudsman.org.uk)). As such the Policing Board considers that the exemption at Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (Information accessible by other means) applies and a response will not be provided to this part of your request. As this is an absolute exemption the Policing Board is not required to carry out a public interest test.

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](mailto: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](mailto:ni@ico.org.uk)

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