



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

FOI Reference number: 65/2015

Date: 11 December 2015

Request:

1. How many Police Officers have been medically retired from the PSNI from January 2014 to January 2015? (Please apply these dates to all of the following questions, thank you).
2. How many (i) male RUC / PSNI officers (ii) female RUC / PSNI officers and (iii) 'ex' – male and female RUC / PSNI officers have been;
 - a) Assessed and had their ill-health retirement and injury on duty awards GRANTED by Blackwell Associates ██████████ SMP - ██████████
 - b) Assessed and had their ill-health retirement and injury on duty awards REFUSED by Blackwell Associates ██████████ SMP - ██████████
 - c) Confirm the reasons stated by ██████████ for refusing the ill-health retirement and injury on duty awards regarding the aforementioned RUC GC / PSNI officers.
3. How many doctors are employed 'full time' by the NIPB's SMP's – 'Blackwell Associates'.
4. How many doctors are retained on a 'sessional basis' by the NIPB's SMP's – 'Blackwell Associates'.

Answer:

1. 42 Police Officers have been medically retired from PSNI from January 2014 to January 2015.
2. Information regarding those awards approved and refused by Dr ██████████ the gender background and the reasons for the refusal is not available on the Police Administration Database and it will cost more than the appropriate limit to collate this information. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and for the Board is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours in determining whether the Board holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Consequently, the Board is not obliged by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to respond to your request (see section 12(1)).
3. Blackwell Associates employ two full time Consultants both working on the NIPB contract.
4. Currently one sessional SMP is working on the NIPB contract.

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

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

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