



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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### **Request:**

1. If a Respective Injury on Duty Award / Ill Health Retirement Award or both are rejected / refused by the Selected Medical Practitioner, and the issue is appealed. What legal right have the Resources Committee to approve / reject the application?

**Answer** - The ultimate decision maker for all Injury on Duty (**IOD**) & Ill Health Retirement (**IHR**) applications is the Northern Ireland Policing Board (the **Board**). This decision making function is further to a specific suite of pension and injury benefit legislation and is delegated to Resources Committee by virtue of its Terms of Reference.

2. Who prepares the documentation which is sent to the Dept. of Justice?

**Answer** - Officials within Police Administration Directorate.

3. Are any documents excluded?

**Answer** - No. All information previously considered by the Selected Medical Practitioner (**SMP**) is issued together with any new information supplied by the applicant.

4. Who supervises / checks documents forwarded to Dept. of Justice, to ensure the full evidence is presented to the IMR?

**Answer** - Please see response to Question 2 (above). Once full papers have been issued to the Department of Justice (**DOJ**), the DOJ is responsible for managing and administering the appeals process to include the presentation of information to the Independent Medical Referee (**IMR**).

5. What action you take when relevant information is not submitted to the Dept. of Justice?

**Answer** - Further to Question 3 above, all information previously considered by the SMP is provided on appeal to the DOJ. We understand from DOJ that both the applicant and IMR are served with identical appeal documentation contemporaneously and in advance of assessment. Accordingly, all applicants have the opportunity to review same in advance of their medical assessment and, if required, raise queries directly with DOJ in relation to any information deemed incomplete or missing.

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