



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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**FOI Reference number: 15/2022**

**Date: 22 June 2022**

**Request:**

**This request has been made following the Board's response to FOI 02/2022**

### QUESTION 1:

What is the new process implemented and ratified by the Resources Committee?

### RESPONSE:

Following the *McKee & Others v the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland* judgment the Northern Ireland Policing Board's (the Board) affirmed the following processes:

APPLICATION TO THE SELECTED MEDICAL PRACTITIONER	
1	Application received by Police Administration Branch (PAB)
2	Allocation to caseworker to prepare case referral
3	Case referral approved by PAB Management
4	SMP Appointment
5	SMP prepares and issues report and certificate (including medical decision) to PAB Management
6	PAB Management add details of case (anonymised) to monthly report to the Resources Committee
7	Resources Committee consider report prepared by PAB Management and make final statutory decision on each case
8	PAB advice applicant of the final decision made by the Resources Committee

APPLICATION TO THE INDEPENDENT MEDICAL REFEREE	
1	Notification and grounds of appeal received by Police Administration Branch (PAB)
2	Allocation to caseworker to prepare appeal submission bundle
3	Appeal submission bundle approved by PAB Management
4	Appeal submission bundle issued to the Department of Justice (DOJ)
5	DOJ arrange appointment with Independent Medical Referee (IMR)
6	IMR prepares and issues report and certificate (including medical decision) to DOJ
7	DOJ provide PAB management with the IMR's report and certificate.
8	PAB Management add details of case (anonymised) to monthly report to the Resources Committee
9	Resources Committee consider report prepared by PAB Management and make final statutory decision on each case
10	PAB advice applicant of the final decision made by the Resources Committee

<b>APPLICATION FOR A RECONSIDERATION</b>	
<b>1</b>	Reconsideration request received by Police Administration Branch (PAB)
<b>2</b>	PAB prepare case summary to include anonymised cover sheet and annexed documentation for consideration by the Resources Committee
<b>3</b>	Resources Committee consider documentation and make a statutory decision on whether to permit a reconsideration.
<b>4</b>	If the reconsideration request is refused by the Resources Committee, PAB inform the applicant and close the file. If the Resources Committee approve the reconsideration request PAB progress casework and refer the case to the SMP/IMR.
<b>5</b>	SMP provides PAB management their report and certificate. DOJ provides PAB management the IMR's report and certificate.
<b>6</b>	PAB Management add details of case (anonymised) to monthly report to the Resources Committee
<b>7</b>	Resources Committee consider report prepared by PAB Management and make final statutory decision on each case
<b>8</b>	PAB advice applicant of the final decision made by the Resources Committee

**QUESTION 2:**

At 3 You quote "The Charities Commission for Northern Ireland mirrors that of NIPB" Are you a charity?

**RESPONSE:**

No.

**QUESTION 3:**

Why then is your Charity approval number not on your headed paper etc?

**RESPONSE:**

Please see response to Question 2 (above).

**QUESTION 4:**

Are you seriously stating that NIPB and the Charities Commission are the same type of organisation?

**RESPONSE:**

This information is already available to the requestor as a response to this express query was provided under the Board's reply to FOI 02/2022. The full reply to FOI 02/2022 has been published on the Board's website at the following link –

[FOI: NIPB Resources Committee Meeting 30 July 2020 \(Consideration of Charity Commission Judgment\) | Northern Ireland Policing Board \(nipolicingboard.org.uk\)](#)

As such the exemption at Section 21 (Information already reasonably accessible) is engaged. This is an absolute exemption and as such the Board is not required to conduct a public interest test.

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