



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

FOI Reference number: 20/2022

Date: 29 June 2022

Request:

Please answer the below questions as a freedom of information request within 20 working days limits.

From Jan 2020 to present please answer the following requests.

- **Confirm the number of PSNI officers that have been approved for ill health retirement (IHR):**

Answer - 184 as at the date of request being 10 May 2022.

- **Confirm the number of officers in this same period that have been recommended by SMP to have their IHR pension paid at lower tier:**

Answer - 63 as at the date of request being 10 May 2022.

- **Confirm the number of officers that appealed the lower tier payment decision and where subsequently awarded an enhanced pension payment:**

Answer - 1 as at the date of request being 10 May 2022

- **Confirm the number of officers in this period that where awarded an enhanced IHR pension without going through an appeal process.**

Answer - 13 as at the date of request being 10 May 2022

- **From 2020 to present provide individual statistics to confirm each SMP IHR number of assessments.**

Answer - As this is personal information, pertain to individual Selected Medical Practitioners the Board is not in a position to provide a response to this request.

This personal information is exempt from disclosure to you under section 40(2) by virtue of section 40(3)(a)(i) of the FOIA.

Section 40(2) allows a public authority to withhold information from a response to a request for information under the FOIA when the information requested is personal information relating to someone other than the requester and its disclosure would contravene one of the data protection principles.

The first data protection principle requires personal data to be processed fairly and lawfully. This personal data is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the FOIA as, in our view, it would be unfair to provide it to you, and therefore disclosure would be in contravention of the first principle of the UK General Data Protection Regulation. This is an absolute exemption and there is no requirement to conduct a public interest test.

- **Clarify the total appeals lodged against each SMP and the appeal results during this period against each individual SMP.**

Answer – Please see reply to the question above.

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:-

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
SK9 5AF

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.