



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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**FOI Reference number: FOI 41/2022**

**Date: 9 January 2023**

**Request:** Under FOI, information request relating to the following financial years; 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22:

- The number of staff working at the organisation in each of these financial years
- The total wage bill for each of these years

Under FOI, information requested regarding current headcount of staff.

### **Answer:**

I refer to your request for information regarding number of staff working in the Northern Ireland Policing Board (NIPB) and total wage bill for the financial years 2019/20, 2020/2021 & 2021/2022. I can confirm that the NIPB holds the information you requested. However, we are withholding this information as we consider that the exemption under **section 21 (Information accessible by other means)** applies to it. As this is an absolute exemption the Board is not required to carry out a public interest test.

A copy of the NIPB's Annual Report and Accounts 2019/2020, 2020/2021 & 2021/2022 which contain the requested information can be located on the Board's website which can be accessed via the following link - [Publications | Northern Ireland Policing Board \(nipolicingboard.org.uk\)](https://www.nipolicingboard.org.uk/publications).

Regarding your request for information concerning the NIPB's current headcount of staff, I can confirm that as at today's date the NIPB has a head count of 51 staff, comprising of; 13 staff seconded from NICS and PSNI; 29 direct recruits and 9 agency staff.

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Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
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