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FOI Reference number: FOI 04/2023

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Request:

I seek please a response relating to the following FOI request In respect to the current JOINT GUIDANCE relating to the Injury on duty (IOD) procedure

1, Confirm or otherwise the current joint IOD guidance was issued by NIPB with date of issue

Answer:

Version 2 of the '*Joint Guidance for Medical Practitioners on Injury on Duty Awards*' was issued in September 2016.

2. IOD Appeal is the responsibility of DOJNI MEDICAL APPEAL SECTION reflecting total independence in the use of Independent Medical Referees. Why did DOJNI not issue independent guidance for use solely for IMRs

Answer:

The Joint nature of this document was agreed further to the Scofield Review in November 2014 in which it was recommended that '*...one authoritative, Northern Ireland-specific guidance document should be issued to assist SMPs and IMRs to interpret and apply the Regulations in a consistent manner (and to enable applicants to understand how this will be done). This should be agreed at least between the Board and the Department, although ideally also with officers' representatives.*'

3. What consultation took place between DOJNI and NIPB before issue of the JOINT GUIDANCE document. Please attach minutes of all relevant meetings between dojni and NIPB relating to the current joint guidance

Answer:

Officials from the Department of Justice and Northern Ireland Policing Board did not attend at meetings together to develop this document, rather this document was developed by the collation of written submissions which formed the basis of a draft Joint Medical Guidance document. Same was subsequently approved by both the Department of Justice and Northern Ireland Policing Board. As such no minutes, as requested, exist.

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