



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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Request:

I would like to request any information and documentation relating to the NIPB's role in negotiating and or "setting" the terms and conditions of police staff including pay and grading terms.

Answer:

I can confirm that the Northern Ireland Policing Board (NIPB) holds the information you requested. However we are withholding that information since 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.

I refer you to the **Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000, Part 2, Section 4** which outlines the NI Policing Board's role in the appointment of police support staff.

A copy of this legislation can be accessed via the following link –

[Police \(Northern Ireland\) Act 2000 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/20)

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 contact the Board's Chief Executive -

Via Email: foi@nipolicingboard.org.uk

Or in writing at the following address:

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You should contact the Board within 40 working days of this response.

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www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints

or in writing at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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