



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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Request:

How much is the Policing Board paying mental health experts/ doctors engaging in the ill health retirement process, per half hour?

Answer:

The Northern Ireland Policing Board (the Board), as scheme manager, is responsible for the Ill Health Retirement and Injury on Duty applications. The role of the medical practitioner is to consider statutory questions bound by legislation on an officer's ability to work. The medical practitioners are occupational health specialists, mental health specialists are not employed by the Board. The medical practitioner's assessments are not charged per hour/ half hour. An in-person assessment is £700, and a paper-based assessment is £340.

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:

Northern Ireland Policing Board
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2 – 4 Cromac Avenue
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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
SK9 5AF

Telephone: - 0303 1231114
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