



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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FOI Reference number: FOI 63/2024

Date: 30 July 2024

Request:

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

Does the Northern Ireland Policing Board engage in the use of non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) or agreements with confidentiality clauses?

How many non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) or agreements with confidentiality clauses has Northern Ireland Policing Board signed with staff, applicants, clients, claimants, organisations, doctors, selected medical practitioners, medical specialists/consultants, contractors and political parties during the last 25 years?

If you cannot provide figures for each year specifically I will accept figures for each five year period 5, 10, 15 ,20 ,25 years starting at 1999 until present.

If your records do not go back far enough please start from when you began records.

Please provide the number of non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) or agreements with confidentiality clauses for each of the below:

- staff
- job applicants
- pension applicants
- persons who pursued court actions/cases against the Northern Ireland Policing Board:
 - * before the court case
 - * during the court case
 - * after the court case
- clients
- claimants
- organisations
- doctors
- selected medical practitioners
- medical consultants/specialists
- political parties
- contractors

Answer:

- The Northern Ireland Policing Board has engaged in the use of non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) or agreements with confidentiality clauses over the past 25 years.
- The Northern Ireland Policing Board has engaged in the use of 2 NDAs signed with staff, applicants, clients, claimants, organisations, doctors, selected medical practitioners, medical specialists/consultants, contractors, and political parties during the last 25 years.

Please see below, the breakdown of the non-disclosure agreements (NDAs)

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- job applicants
- pension applicants
- persons who pursued court actions/cases against the Northern Ireland Policing Board:
 - * before the court case
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 - * after the court case
- clients
- claimants
- organisations
- doctors
- selected medical practitioners
- medical consultants/specialists
- political parties
- contractors – 2 signed in 2022 requested by contractors

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
James House
Block D
2 – 4 Cromac Avenue
The Gasworks
Belfast
BT7 2JA

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

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. You should make complaints to the ICO within six weeks of receiving the outcome of an internal review.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at the following web link –

www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints

or in writing 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.