



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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**FOI Reference number: FOI 59/2024**

**Date: 09 August 2024**

### **Request:**

1. How many people following their IMR Certificate being issued have lodged a reconsideration or appeal of the IMR Certificate since August 2020 to the DOJNI via the NIPB?
2. How many of these cases have been dealt with either by reconsideration or appeal by the DOJNI and a break down in results? Decision changed or decision remained the same
3. What date was the last reconsideration or appeal was heard to challenge the IMR findings by the DOJNI?
4. Who carries out the review of these appeals on behalf of the DOJNI?

### **Answer:**

I can confirm that the Board holds information falling within the description specified in your request. However, we estimate that the cost of complying with this request would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations and for the Board it is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours in determining whether the Board holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Board is not obliged to comply with your request so will not be processing your request further. To provide the information you have requested would require a considerable amount of manual investigation to search cases on an individual basis to determine if they are relevant to your request.

Guidance published by the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) states that where a public authority claims that section 12 of the FOIA is engaged, as in this case, the public authority should, where reasonable, provide advice and assistance to help the requestor refine their request so that it can be dealt with under the appropriate limit.

If you narrow the scope of your request to the last financial year only, the Board may be able to provide the information required as we have started to record this type of information electronically and it would cost less than the appropriate limit to do so.

Any reformulated request the Board receives from you will be treated as a fresh FOI request.

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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:ni@ico.org.uk)

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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.