



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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Request:

I wish to make a Freedom of Information request and should be grateful if you could please provide me with the following information:

1. Please confirm if the Northern Ireland Policing Board is an organisation that participates in the Civil Service Injury Benefits Scheme (NI) schemes.
2. Please confirm if the Police Service of Northern Ireland is an organisation that participates in the Civil Service Injury Benefits Scheme (NI) schemes?
3. The Northern Ireland Policing Board is the manager of the PSNI Pensions Schemes. Please confirm if the Northern Ireland Policing Board is also the manager of the PSNI pensions schemes for PSNI civilian staff.
4. The Northern Ireland Policing Board delegates the day-to-day administration of the PSNI Pensions Schemes to PSNI Financial Services. Please confirm if the Northern Ireland Policing Board also delegates the day-to-day administration of the PSNI pensions schemes for PSNI civilian staff to PSNI Financial Services.

Answer to Request 1

The Northern Ireland Policing Board is an independent public body and, as an organisation, is staffed by both Civil Servants and directly recruited members. The Board itself consists of nineteen members, ten of whom are nominated from among members of the Northern Ireland Assembly (“the political members”), and nine appointed by the Minister of Justice following open competition (“the independent members”).

The Political and Independent Members of the Northern Ireland Policing Board cannot participate in the CSIBS(NI) scheme, however the support staff within the Northern Ireland Policing Board organisation who have Northern Ireland Civil Service terms and conditions may participate in the CSIBS(NI) scheme.

The staff directly employed by the NI Policing Board in relation to the work of the NIPB are employed under the terms and conditions of the Northern Ireland Civil Service

Answer to Request 2

The Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000 – Part II – Section 4 (5) - advises

The following functions of the Board shall be exercised, on behalf of and in the name of the Board, by the Chief Constable

(b) the power to appoint and dismiss other employees, the power to direct and control such employees and all other powers and duties of the Board as employer of such employees.

The powers and duties of the employer are undertaken by the Chief Constable (PSNI) and for this reason the Northern Ireland Policing Board does not hold this information.

We have identified that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) may hold this type of information.

You can contact the PSNI FOI Team by post at the address below: -

Freedom of Information Team
Corporate Information Branch
Brooklyn
65 Knock Road
Belfast
BT56 6LE

Or by e-mail;

foi@psni.police.uk

Answer to Requests 3 and 4

The NI Policing Board does not manage the pensions schemes for PSNI civilian staff.

The Information which you have requested is not held by the Northern Ireland Policing Board. The Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) may hold this information and can be contacted at the above address.

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

Please be advised that Policing Board replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.nipolicingboard.org.uk.

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