



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

FOI Reference number: 14/2021

Date: 26 August 2021

Request:

1. What were the total fees paid to Dr Hamilton (SMP) by NIPB for the period 1 January 2021 to 30 April 2021?
2. What were the total expenses paid to Dr Hamilton (SMP) by NIPB for the period 1 January 2021 to 30 April 2021?
3. What were the total fees paid to Dr Humphries (SMP) by NIPB for the period 1 January 2021 to 30 April 2021?
4. What were the total expenses paid to Dr Humphries (SMP) by NIPB for the period 1 January 2021 to 30 April 2021?

Answer:

I can confirm that the Northern Ireland Policing Board holds information which falls within the scope of your request. However we are withholding information in respect of fees and expenses paid to individual doctors in their role as Selected Medical Practitioners (SMP's) as it is deemed to be the personal data of a third party. This personal information is exempt from disclosure to you under section 40(2) by virtue of section 40(3)(a)(i) of the FOIA.

Section 40(2) allows a public authority to withhold information from a response to a request for information under the FOIA when the information requested is personal information relating to someone other than the requester and its disclosure would contravene one of the data protection principles.

The first data protection principle requires personal data to be processed fairly and lawfully. This personal data is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the FOIA as, in our view, it would be unfair to provide it to you, and therefore disclosure would be in contravention of the first principle of the UK General Data Protection Regulation. This is an absolute exemption and there is no requirement to conduct a public interest test.

By way of assistance the Board can confirm that during the period 1 January 2021 and 30 April 2021 monies paid to all SMPs was £51,020.

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 write to the Board's Chief Executive at the following address:

Northern Ireland Policing Board
Waterside Tower
31 Clarendon Road
Clarendon Dock
Belfast BT1 3BG

Email: foi@nipolicingboard.org.uk

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. The Information Commissioner can be contacted 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.