



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

**FOI Reference number: 23/2021**

**Date: 14 October 2021**

**Request:**

This is a request for information by virtue of the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 how many serving police officers in the PSNI were granted an Ill Health Retirement?
2. Of those in question 1, how many also received an Injury on Duty Award either at first instance or on appeal?
3. Of those in question 2, how many IOD awards were made at each disability level?

**Answer**

1. 161 officers.
2. 124 officers were awarded an Injury on Duty (IOD) award in conjunction with their Ill Health Retirement application.

In relation to 37 officers who were refused an IOD award it would require us to access each file in turn to determine if an appeal was made and, if so, what the decision of same was and this would fall outside the financial limit (Appropriate limit) of this request owing to work already completed in accessing the subject information. As such section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act (Requests where the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit) applies. 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, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

3.

Band 1	32
Band 2	67
Band 3	25
Band 4	ZERO

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