



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

FOI Reference number: 27/2020

Date: 20 October 2020

### Request:

I email to request the following information under Fol from NIPB as administrators of the PSNI loD scheme:

#### **(1) Number of awards in payment at 31 March 2020;**

Answer – Payment of awards under the Injury on Duty scheme is made by PSNI with the Board responsible for the payment of the medical practitioner fees only. PSNI have confirmed that there were 3000 awards in payment as at 31 March 2020.

#### **(2) Cash spent on awards in 19-20;**

Answer - The Board is responsible for payment of the professional fees of the Selected Medical Practitioners (**SMPs**) and Independent Medical Referee (**IMRs**). The approximate total in professional SMP & IMR fees paid in the 2019/2020 year is £227, 670. Please note this includes all invoices paid in the 2019/2020 year and as such these figures may include payment for appointments completed in the previous financial year.

The current professional fees are £700 per face to face assessment and £340 per paper based assessment.

Payment of awards following assessment by SMP/IMR and agreement by Resources Committee are progressed by PSNI. PSNI have confirmed that the total sum of cash spent on awards during the financial year 2019/20 is approximately £34 million.

#### **(3) Total liabilities of awards at 31 March 2020;**

Answer - PSNI have advised that the pension liability relating to injury awards has been valued by the Government Actuary Department (GAD). The valuation was provided to PSNI by GAD for the 12 months to 31 March 2020, and the current Injury on Duty (IOD) provision reflects this position. Injury awards are valued under IAS 19 and as such include an element

for active members. Liabilities for Injury awards are valued on an actuarial basis using the Projected Unit Credit Method. The split of the provision is shown below.

	<b>Value at 31 March 2020</b>
	£000's
Liability in respect of	
Active Members	142,100
Pensions in payment (injury awards)	<u>470,785</u>
<b>Total liability</b>	<b>612,885</b>

**(4) How many applications were made in 19-20;**

Answer - Applications made under *PSNI and PSNI Reserve (Injury Benefit) Regulations 2006 – 224*

**(5) How many of these were retrospective injury claims;**

Answer - 123

**(6) How many applications were rejected;**

Answer - 107

**(7) How many were appealed;**

Answer - 52

**(8) Of those appeals which are concluded, how many have had rejection overturned.**

Answer - In respect of the 2019/2020 figures outlined above 6 decisions have been overturned, 8 have been upheld and 38 have yet to be concluded. These figures relate specifically to applications where the SMP initial appointment took place between 1 Apr 2019 – 31 March 2020. However in the 2019/2020 year approximately 55 appeal results were issued (most of which related to cases where the initial SMP appointment took place in the previous financial year). Of the 55 results issued 29 original SMP decisions were upheld and there were 26 cases where the initial SMP result was overturned.

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