



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-03565

Keyword: Human Resources

Subject: Police Pension Scheme

Request and Answer:

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you in full.

Question 1

How many police officers in your authority retired in (a) 2010/2011; (b) 2009/10; and (c) 2008/9?

Answer

2008/09	359
2009/10	558
2010/11	419

Question 2

How many (a) active members; (b) deferred members and (c) pensioners; did you have in your police officer pension schemes (including both the Police Pension Scheme and the New Police Pension Scheme) in (a) 2010/2011; (b) 2009/10; and (c) 2008/9?

Answer

	Active	Deferred	Pensioners
2008/09	7,786	1,122	11,803
2009/10	7,603	1,134	12,315
2010/11	7,454	1,240	12,822

Question 3

How many pensioners on the Police Pension Scheme ceased (through becoming deceased or otherwise) being on the pension scheme in (a) 2010/2011; (b) 2009/10; and (c) 2008/9?

Answer

2008/09	133
2009/10	187
2010/11	133

Question 4

What was the average age of retirement for police officers in your authority in (a) 2010/2011; (b) 2009/10 and (c) 2008/9?

Answer

2008/09	49.2
2009/10	49.17
2010/11	49.44

Question 5

How many civilians employed in 2010/11 were retired officers (from yours or any other force in the UK)?

Answer

49 civilians employed in 2010/11 were retired officers i.e. in receipt of a police pension.

Question 6

In 2010/11 what was your total expenditure on pension and what proportion of the pension scheme contributions in your authority was made up for by:

- a. employer contributions?
- b. employee contributions?
- c. Home Office top-up?
- d. any other source?

Answer

Total expenditure on pensions was approximately £214.7m in 2010/11.

Contributions were made up as follows:

Employer contributions	67.8%
Employee contributions	30%
Any other source	2.2%

Question 7

Please provide the number of retired officers who receive the capped pension pay-out allowance of £123,600/year as per regulation G1(1A) of the Police Pensions Regulations 1987 and if any pension pay-out exceeded this amount.

Answer

No officer received the capped pension pay-out and no officer exceeded the capped amount.

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