

Keeping People Safe



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2020-01800

Keyword: Finance

Subject: Injury Awards

Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act We can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does hold some information to which your request relates and this is being provided to you. We do not however hold information in relation to Request Numbers 4 -7

Request 1

How many individuals currently receive injury awards from your force?

Answer

Currently there are a total of 2,997 in receipt of payment.

Request 2

For each of the three years 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/2020, please provide the number of police officers granted an injury award.

Self-Clarification from Requester:

The word "officers" refers to former officers granted injury awards, not officers currently working for you who were previously granted injury awards. In other words, I am interested in former officers granted injury awards who currently serve in any role e.g. staff.

Answer

Please see below the total number of awards put into payment for each of these years:

2017/18 = 147

2018/19 = 169

2019/20 = 127

Request 3

For each of the three years 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/2020, please provide the amount paid to all those in receipt of injury awards.

Answer

Please see below the total amount paid , including injury gratuity:

In 2017-18 =£29,683k
In 2018-19 =£33,905k
In 2019-20 =£33,999k

Request 4

For each of the three years 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/2020, please provide the number of reviews carried out of injury awards.

Request 5.

For each of the three years 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/2020, please provide the number of reviews that resulted in the level of pension:

- i. remaining unchanged;
- ii. increasing; and
- iii. reducing.

Request 6

For each of the three years 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2020 please provide the number of individuals contacted regarding a review who did not answer the questionnaire sent to them in connection with their review.

Request 7

Please provide a copy of the questionnaire sent to those in receipt of injury awards regarding their review.

Answers 4 – 7

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act we can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold information in relation to your requests. Enquiries made in relation to your request failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided.

This information is held by the Northern Ireland Policing Board.

Accordingly, we have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

Request 8

Please provide the number of officers in receipt of an injury award (include those who were awarded injury benefit by another force) who currently work for your force as police staff, if any.

Answer

A total of 23.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Corporate Information Branch, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Corporate Information Branch, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing foi@psni.pnn.police.uk.

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain

dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.psni.police.uk

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