

FOI DOF/2022-0316

Request

1. How many ex Prison Officers are in receipt of Permanent Injury Benefit
2. How many ex Prison Officers are also in receipt of Industrial Injury Benefit

Response

1. There are currently 410 ex Prison Officers in receipt of Permanent Injury Award (PIA).
2. Civil Service Pensions do not record if a member is in receipt of Industrial Injury benefit on their system specifically, therefore each individual's documents would have to be reviewed to retrieve the information you have requested. The Department is unable to provide this information as it considers this to exceed the fees threshold. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department has estimated, using a number of sample cases, that the cost of complying with your request is £2,562.50. This exceeds the appropriate limit of £600 as set out in the Fees Regulations.

The breakdown of costs has been supplied below:

Number of records to review	Estimate of time per record to review and include or discard	Number of hours (Documents x time to review)	Total estimated cost - hours x £25/hr.
410	15 min	102.5 hours	£2,562.50

You may wish to refine or narrow your request for information to fall within the fees threshold e.g. for example, seeking only a sample of cases be reviewed, however this will not give you the level of information requested originally.

However, even if your request is narrowed, some of the requested information may still not be considered suitable for release to you e.g. if it is considered exempt under any provision of the Act such as (commercially sensitive information or third party personal data).

If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact the Freedom of Information (FOI) Unit in the first instance, via the following email address:

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