

22nd November 2024

REFERENCE: FOI\24\136 - Information on claims for compensation for criminal injuries (Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme 2009)

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 13 November 2024 regarding information on claims for criminal injury compensation over the last six calendar years, 2019-2024.

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 gives you two rights of access when you write to us asking for information. You have the right to know whether we hold the information that you are looking for, and you have the right to have the information given to you. These rights may only be overridden if the information you are looking for is covered by an exemption in the Act.

Please see below responses to each of your questions:

1. How many applications lodge an appeal to decision Notice issued:

- Jan - Dec 2019
- Jan - Dec 2020
- Jan - Dec 2021
- Jan - Dec 2022
- Jan - Dec 2023
- Jan - Dec 2024

Calander Year	Review Requests
2019	725
2020	591
2021	639

2022	515
2023	489
2024*	516

*Period 01 Jan to 19 Nov 2024.

Please note, an appeal to Compensation Services First Decision Notice is classified by Compensation Services as a Review Request.

2. How many appeals result in application to Tribunal Service for a Hearing?

- *Jan - Dec 2019*
- *Jan - Dec 2020*
- *Jan - Dec 2021*
- *Jan - Dec 2022*
- *Jan - Dec 2023*
- *Jan - Dec 2024*

Calander Year	Appeals
2019	242
2020	260
2021	215
2022	124
2023	113
2024*	77

*Period 01 Jan to 19 Nov 2024

Please note, in response to the Review Request, a different case worker within Compensation Services will review all the available information to issue a Review decision. If the claimant does not accept the Review decision issued, the claimant can appeal the decision to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Appeals Panel for Northern Ireland. This is classified by Compensation Services as an Appeal.

If you are unhappy with the result of your request for information you may request an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this letter. If you request an internal review please do so in writing stating the reasons to the address above.

If following an internal review you were to remain dissatisfied you may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner and ask him to investigate whether the DOJ has complied with the terms of the FOIA. You can write to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

The Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out.

Further details on the role of the Information Commissioner and the handling of appeals can be found at: www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

Records & Information Manager