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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST - INDEPENDENT MEDICAL REFEREES
PROCESS - DOJ**

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your request for information received by the Department of Justice on the 29 April 2024, detailed below: -

Request

From 04/03/2024 until 31/03/2024 please confirm the following: -

How many appointments were carried out with the Independent Medical Referees during this time period?

This response addresses your questions:

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 recorded information falling in scope of your request, and you have the right to receive this recorded information subject to cost limit or exemption.

Freedom of Information is a request for recorded data that the Department of Justice holds. To be helpful the response to your question has been supplemented with additional information answered under Line of Business.

1. From 04/03/2024 until 31/03/2024 please confirm the following: -

How many appointments were carried out with the Independent Medical Referees during this time period?

The Independent Medical Referee (IMR) commenced work on the 4th of March 2024.

During the period in question 04 – 31 March 2024 the IMR worked four days. The work undertaken during this period involved reviewing Injury on Duty (IOD) award appeal files (desk reviews).

The IMR did not carry out any face-to-face IOD award appeal appointments during this period.

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.

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Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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Yours sincerely

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