

29th March 2023

BY EMAIL

Our Ref: FOI 1914

Dear 

Your request for information was received 7th March 2023 and was dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please be advised that the Business Services Organisation (BSO) has now completed its search for the information you requested with regards to pension retirement data.

Please find the information requested below:

Officer members

1. How many officer pension scheme members retired from the HSC in Northern Ireland in each of the following years:

a. April 2018 to March 2019	1948
b. April 2019 to March 2020	1972
c. April 2020 to March 2021	2001
d. April 2021 to March 2022	2205
e. April 2022 to end of January 2023.	1970

2. What was the average age of officer scheme members at their date of retirement for each of the following years?

a. April 2018 to March 2019	59
b. April 2019 to March 2020	59
c. April 2020 to March 2021	60
d. April 2021 to March 2022	60
e. April 2022 to end of January 2023.	60



3. How many officer scheme members were under 60 and took early voluntary retirement in each of the following years?

a. April 2018 to March 2019	623
b. April 2019 to March 2020	662
c. April 2020 to March 2021	611
d. April 2021 to March 2022	662
e. April 2022 to end of January 2023.	598

4. How many officer scheme members retired due to ill health in each of the following years?

a. April 2018 to March 2019	180
b. April 2019 to March 2020	137
c. April 2020 to March 2021	156
d. April 2021 to March 2022	147
e. April 2022 to end of January 2023.	111

Practitioner members

1. How many practitioner pension scheme members retired from HSC in Northern Ireland in each of the following years:

a. April 2018 to March 2019	94
b. April 2019 to March 2020	85
c. April 2020 to March 2021	77
d. April 2021 to March 2022	83
e. April 2022 to end of January 2023.	62

2. What was the average age of practitioner scheme members at their date of retirement for each of the following years?

a. April 2018 to March 2019	59
b. April 2019 to March 2020	58
c. April 2020 to March 2021	59
d. April 2021 to March 2022	58
e. April 2022 to end of January 2023.	59

3. How many practitioner scheme members were under 60 and took early voluntary retirement in each of the following years?

a. April 2018 to March 2019	34
b. April 2019 to March 2020	41
c. April 2020 to March 2021	22
d. April 2021 to March 2022	44
e. April 2022 to end of January 2023.	27

4. How many practitioner scheme members retired due to ill health in each of the following years?

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| a. April 2018 to March 2019 | 3 |
| b. April 2019 to March 2020 | 10 |
| c. April 2020 to March 2021 | 6 |
| d. April 2021 to March 2022 | 4 |
| e. April 2022 to end of January 2023. | 3 |

I hope that the information provided assists you. 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, as the BSO, along with all other public authorities are not obliged to accept internal review requests after this period has lapsed.

In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to

Information Governance Manager,
2 Franklin Street,
Belfast,
BT2 8DQ

If, following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision making panel, you 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 BSO has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act.

You can contact Information Commissioner at:

Website: www.ico.org.uk
Phone: 0303 123 1113
Email: casework@ico.org.uk
Post: Information Commissioner's Office
3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place
Belfast
BT7 2JB

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.

Yours Sincerely,



Karen Bailey

Chief Executive