



# Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service

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Chief Fire Officer Tom Capeling

David Eason  
(By e-mail)

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Your Ref:

Our Ref: KS/ 07 06 16 1

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016

Dear Mr Eason,

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 YOUR REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

I confirm that your request for information has been considered.

The Authority does hold this information, please find the details below.

### **Request:**

I would like to know how many employees of Tyne and Wear Fire & Rescue Service have retired due to ill health under the firefighters pension scheme 1992 since the 1st July 2006?

### **Response:**

Eleven.

### **Request:**

How many of these retirees retired with an award of a higher tier pension?

### **Response:**

Ten.

### **Request:**

Of these retirees, how many have subsequently been subjected to a pension reassessment?

### **Response:**

Nine.

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**Request:**

How many retirees have been subjected to more than one pension reassessment under the firefighters pension scheme 1992 since the 1st July 2006?

**Response:**

Five.

**Request:**

What are the total cost implications of employing an authority medical advisor (AMA) to interview retirees under review?

**Response:**

Sunderland City Council as the leading authority for Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service provides the provision of Authority Medical Advisor / Service Medical Advisor as part of our overall service level agreement for occupational health provision.

**Request:**

Who foots the bill for these AMA reviews?

**Response:**

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service, as part of the whole service level agreement contract.

**Request:**

How much does it cost to refer a review to an independent qualified medical practitioner (IQMP)?

**Response:**

The cost of referral to the IQMP depends on the complexity of the case being referred and the IQMP who deals with the case. Therefore the cost varies case to case.

**Request:**

Who foots the bill for these IQMP reviews?

**Response:**

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service.

**Request:**

Of the reviews carried out, how many have led to a reclassification of an ill health injury award under the 1992 firefighters pension scheme?"

**Response:**

Nil.

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I hope this is satisfactory. If, however, you are dissatisfied with our response to your request for information, you can ask for a review under the Authority's Complaints Procedure in reply to this letter, or alternatively you may wish to refer to the Authority's Complaints Manager direct, addressed to Assistant Chief Officer J Baines, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service, PO Box 1196, Nissan Way, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear SR5 3QY.

If this fails to resolve your concerns then you have the right to apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Yours sincerely

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