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Your ref:
Our ref: 01/FOI/20/016218

30/09/2020

Dear Mr Hales

Freedom of Information Request Reference No: 01/FOI/20/016218

I write in connection with your request for information which was received by the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) on 29/09/2020. I note you seek access to the following information:

I understand that your police force uses the services of a Dr William Cheng in the role of Selected Medical Practitioner (SMP). This role includes medical assessments of serving and former police officers in regard to police injury awards and police injury pensions.

For the period 1st January 2015 to 1st January 2019:

- 1. Please provide me with information on how many times Dr Cheng has been employed by Metropolitan Police Service to make any assessment of a serving, or former, Met police officer under the Police (Injury Benefit) Regulations 2006.*
- 2. Please give me, for the period quoted above, how many assessments, or re-assessments for serving, or former, Met police officers your organisation has undertaken in total under the above quoted regulations. (i.e., a total number of assessments or re-assessments by all SMPs employed by Met Police).*
- 3. Please provide me with information on how many appeals made by serving or former Met police officers to a Police Medical Appeal Board have resulted from the involvement of Dr Cheng in making decisions referred to him under the Police (Injury Benefit) Regulations 2006.*

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4. *Please provide me with the outcome of any appeals. Were they found in favour of the appellant, or found in favour of the respondent?*
5. *Please also provide me with information on how many occasions has Dr Cheng conducted reconsiderations of any of his decisions, under provision of regulation 32-(2) of the Police (Injury Benefit) Regulations 2006.*
6. *Please provide me with the outcome of any reconsiderations. Did they result in no amended decision, or an amended decision?*
7. *With reference to questions 4, 5, & 6 above please provide similar information relating any other SMPs Metropolitan Police Service has employed during the same period.*

Your request will now be considered in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act). You will receive a response within the statutory timescale of 20 working days as defined by the Act.

Although every effort will be made to ensure a response is provided within statutory deadlines, due to current circumstances delays may be unavoidable. We apologise for any inconvenience and will endeavour to process your request as quickly as is practicable.

If you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please contact us at MPSDDataOffice@met.police.uk, quoting the reference number above. Should your enquiry relate to the logging or allocations process we will be able to assist you directly and where your enquiry relates to other matters (such as the status of the request) we will be able to pass on a message and/or advise you of the relevant contact details.

Yours sincerely

Data Office Triage Team

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COMPLAINT RIGHTS

Are you unhappy with how your request has been handled or do you think the decision is incorrect?

You have the right to require the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) to review their decision.

Prior to lodging a formal complaint you are welcome to discuss the response with the case officer who dealt with your request.

Complaint

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision of the MPS made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) regarding access to information you can lodge a complaint with the MPS to have the decision reviewed.

Complaints should be made in writing, within forty (40) working days from the date of the refusal notice, and addressed to:

FOI Complaint
Information Rights Unit
PO Box 313
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MPSDDataOffice@met.police.uk

In all possible circumstances the MPS will aim to respond to your complaint within 20 working days.

The Information Commissioner

After lodging a complaint with the MPS if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at www.ico.org.uk. Alternatively, write to or phone:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Phone: 0303 123 1113