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<p>The Medical Retirement Office of Merseyside Police recently sent out a number of letters, together with a questionnaire, to former officers who are retired and in receipt of an injury award pension.</p> <p>The letters requested that the recipient complete the enclosed questionnaire with a view to considering whether his/her injury pension should be reviewed.</p> <p>The questionnaire is entitled, 'Review Of Injury Award Questionnaire'</p> <p>I am requesting the following information in relation to these letters and questionnaires:</p> <p>1) How many have been sent out?</p> <p>2) How many is it intended to send out within the next two months?</p> <p>3) What criteria were used to select the recipients? When answering please pay particular attention to whether recipients were selected by reason of their age, or by reason of them being at or around what would have been normal compulsory retirement age for the force, or for reason of the degree of disablement of the recipient.</p>	<p>1) The process commenced in 2014 and a total of 35 questionnaires have been sent out to date.</p> <p>2) Within the next two months it is anticipated that a further thirty questionnaires will be sent out.</p> <p>3) The criteria for selection of injury award review were based on Band 4, then Band 3, then Band 2. Band 1 will not be reviewed unless requested by the former officer and in that case they would be seen as a priority.</p>



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<p>4) I presume that someone ordered these letters and questionnaires to be sent, so on that basis, I would like a copy of any communication ordering or deciding that the letters and questionnaires be sent.</p> <p>5) The questionnaires ask for personal financial and medical information. Who will see this personal information?</p> <p>6) What purpose are the questionnaires intended to achieve?</p>	<p>4) There was no order or communication in respect of the decision to send out questionnaires. The Job Description of the Medical Retirement Officer (MRO) involves conducting section 37 reviews of injury awards. This activity was previously suspended following Home Office Guidance. In January 2014 the National Attendance Management forum issued new guidance in respect of injury award reviews. Following receipt of this guidance, legal advice and consultation with other forces the Medical retirement Officer reintroduced injury award reviews in consultation with Merseyside Police Human Resources.</p> <p>5) The Medical Retirement Officer and the Force Medical Advisor.</p> <p>6) The questionnaire is sent as per National Attendance Management Forum guidance and has always been part of the mechanism used by Merseyside Police to review an existing award. The questionnaire allows the MRO to ascertain if there is enough information to ascertain if there has been a substantial change in the case and if a full review is required. If it is clear that there is no significant change the MRO will write to the individual stating that there is no further action. If further action is required a full review by the FMO will be conducted.</p>