

# Guidance Notes on Eligibility

Please read this Information Sheet carefully to guide you through the process.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Former officers who have been seriously injured or disabled, physically/psychologically or both, as a result of terrorist violence, and for which, a minimum of a Band 2 Injury on Duty (IOD) medical discharge pension has been awarded by an Occupational Physician.
- Serving Officers with serious physical injuries caused as a direct result of terrorist violence.
- Widow/ers, including remarried widow/ers, of RUC and PSNI officers whose death occurred as a direct result of terrorist violence.
- Widow/ers and dependent children of officers who would have been eligible, but have died post service; and widow/ers and dependent children of officers already in receipt of support from the Fund, will continue to be eligible clients of the Fund, where an officer has died of natural causes.
- Parents of police officers murdered by terrorists.
- Dependent children (under 18 years of age or in full time education) of RUC/PSNI officers whose parents have been seriously injured or murdered by terrorists.

## INFORMATION REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH ELIGIBILITY

- To become an eligible client of the Fund you must have a Band 2 or above Injury on Duty Pension showing that you were a direct target of terrorist attack.

- You must provide the Fund with information such as, statement of witness, doctors letters, medical certificate of unfitness showing the incident(s) you were involved in for which the award was made.
- We also require the exact dates of incidents and how you were injured and any other information you may have that would enable us to link your IOD to the terrorist incidents you were involved in and subsequently awarded as a result.
- Please note that IOD awards made on the basis of injuries sustained at civil/public order incidents or SPED do not meet the eligibility criteria of the Northern Ireland Police Fund.
- We cannot access details of your IOD pension award or incident details as the data protection act prevents the Policing Board from giving us this information.

You can contact the Policing Board directly to request:

- The incident details (Medical Report) which relates to your IOD percentage awarded
- A copy of your banding papers
- A copy of the BMI/Capita medical practitioners report, clarifying the reason your IOD was awarded i.e. dates and injuries sustained.