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INTRODUCTION

The role of the Northern Ireland Office is to support the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland in securing a lasting peace, based on the Good Friday Agreement, in which the rights and identities of all traditions in Northern Ireland are fully respected and safeguarded and in which a safe, stable, just, open and tolerant society can thrive and prosper. Further information about the Northern Ireland Office can be found [here](#)

The Northern Ireland Office (NIO) has three agencies: [the Compensation Agency for Northern Ireland](#); [Forensic Science Agency of Northern Ireland](#); and the [Northern Ireland Prison Service](#).

The role of the Compensation Agency is to support the victims of violent crime by providing compensation for serious injuries and financial loss, to sustain confidence in the community by providing compensation for physical damage and consequential loss arising from criminal damage to property, and to provide compensation to those who suffer loss from action taken under the Terrorism Act 2000.

The role of Forensic Science Agency of Northern Ireland is to provide effective scientific advice and support to enhance the delivery of justice. It carries out this role by providing: scientific support for police in the investigation of crime; scientific advice for the legal profession and objective expert testimony to the courts; training in the effective and efficient application of forensic science; and analytical support for pathologists. While the Agency's main customer for its services is the Police Service of Northern Ireland and is its principal supplier of scientific advice and support, it is an independent organisation providing a service to a number of customers, including the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland.

The Northern Ireland Prison Service, through its staff, serves the community by keeping in safe and humane custody those committed by the courts and, by working with them and with other parts of the Criminal Justice System, seeks to reduce the risk of re-offending and help them lead useful lives.

The NIO funds two legal offices: the Crown Solicitor's Office for Northern Ireland and the Department of the Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland (DPP (NI)). It also sponsors several non-departmental public bodies and other public bodies. These are: the Boards of Visitors and Visiting Committees of Northern Ireland; the

Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland; [the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland](#); the Juvenile Justice Board of Northern Ireland; [the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission](#); [the Northern Ireland Policing Board](#); [the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland](#); [the Probation Board for Northern Ireland](#); and the Criminal Injuries Compensation Panel for Northern Ireland. This Publication Scheme covers the NIO and its three agencies. It does not cover the Crown Solicitor's Office Northern Ireland, the DPP (NI) or the NIO's non-departmental public bodies.

Further information about the public authorities mentioned in this document and their contact details can be found in the "links" section of this Publication Scheme.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

The Freedom of Information Act received Royal Assent in November 2000. It is part of the Government's commitment to greater openness. It gives a general right of access to all types of recorded information held by public authorities and sets out exemptions from that right. In other words, it gives any individual a statutory right to request information directly from any public authority and have it provided except where it is classified as exempt under Sections 12 and 21-44 of the Act. It will be brought into force from **January 2005**. The full text of the Freedom of Information Act, both in print and online, can be obtained from The Stationery Office (see "links").

Further advice about Freedom of Information may be obtained from the Information Commissioner's Office (see "links").

Until the FOI Act is fully implemented in January 2005, access to Northern Ireland Office information *not* made available under this Publication Scheme or otherwise readily accessible, will be administered in accordance with the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information (detailed below).

[The Publication Scheme provides details of those items which are available free of charge. In other cases, the NIO charges a fee of £10 for requests made under the Open Government Code and the Data Protection Act. Details of specific charges under the Freedom of Information Act will be published in advance of January 2005.]

OTHER MEANS OF OBTAINING INFORMATION

The Code of Practice on Access to Government Information already commits Government Departments and Non-Departmental Public Bodies to publishing the facts, and analysis of the facts, which Government considers relevant and important in framing major policy proposals and decisions. The full text of the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information, both in print and online, can be obtained from the Lord Chancellor's Department (see "links").

PUBLICATION SCHEMES

Publication Schemes are a legal requirement under Sections 19 and 20 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. These sections come into force from **November 2002** onwards. Publication Schemes are essentially guides to the information that a public authority routinely publishes or intends to publish. If you are looking for information about the NIO and its agencies, you might find it helpful to use this Publication Scheme as your first port of call. You might also find it helpful to refer to “Inforoute” which is a register of Government Information Assets. This is available online at <http://www.inforoute.hmso.gov.uk>

THIS PUBLICATION SCHEME

The NIO Publication Scheme is available on the [NIO website](#) and in print. Indicators will show where a charge may be levied. The following could apply to information you intend to use for private research/study:

- Free of charge on the website (i.e. there is no charge by us, but the user will have to meet any charges by their Internet service provider, personal printing costs, etc.). Many public libraries have Internet facilities, however, for those without Internet access, a single print-out as on the website would be available by post from the relevant publication scheme co-ordinator (see page 22). Requests to the department for print outs or for archived copies of documents which are no longer available on the web, will attract a charge for the cost of retrieval, photocopying, postage etc. We will let you know the cost at the time of your request. Any charge will be payable in advance.

From time to time some items will be revised or fall out of use. Please note that it will not always be possible to provide out of date or out of print material.

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Board of Visitors and Visiting Committees of Northern Ireland

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Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland

c/o Northern Ireland Office
11 Millbank
London SW1P 4QE
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Compensation Agency for Northern Ireland

Royston House <http://www.compensationni.gov.uk>
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Belfast BT1 6FD <mailto:comp-agency@nics.gov.uk>
Tel: +44 (0)28 9024 9944
Fax: +44 (0)28 9024 6956

Criminal Injuries Compensation Panel for Northern Ireland

Corn Exchange Building
2nd Floor
31 Gordon Street
Belfast BT1 2LG
Tel: +44(0)28 9092 4410

Crown Solicitor's Office for Northern Ireland

Royal Courts of Justice
Belfast BT1 3JY
Tel: +44(0)28 9054 2555
Fax: +44(0)28 9054 6049

Department of the Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland

Royal Courts of Justice
Belfast BT1 3JY
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Equality Commission for Northern Ireland

Equality House <mailto:information@equalityni.org>
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Belfast BT2 7DF
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Fax: +44(0)28 9032 9227

Forensic Science Agency of Northern Ireland

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St Clements House <http://www.hmso.gov.uk/copy.htm>
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Information Commissioner's Office

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Water Lane
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Cheshire SK9 5AF
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Lord Chancellor's Department

Freedom of Information Division <http://www.lcd.gov.uk/foi/ogcode981.htm>
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Northern Ireland Court Service

Communications Branch <http://www.fsni.gov.uk>
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Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission

Temple Court <http://www.nihrc.org>
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Northern Ireland Office

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Richmond
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Norwich NR3 1GN
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Fax Orders: +44 (0)870 600 5533

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You will find several details about the information we publish: the format in which it is available, for example printed or online; whether there is a cost for obtaining printed information; and from where it can be obtained. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, all items listed within this Publication Scheme will be published by 30 November 2002 (except where indicated in certain classes of information).

HISTORICAL RECORDS

Official records deemed of value for permanent preservation are transferred to the Public Record Offices (see "links").

EXEMPT INFORMATION

Please note that documents in this Publication Scheme may be edited where, in the view of the Department, specific information should not be disclosed on grounds of: national security; confidentiality; unwarranted invasion of privacy; and commercial sensitivity. For a full list of reasons for confidentiality, please refer to Part II of the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information, available both in print and online, from the Lord Chancellor's Department (see "links").

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NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE

INFORMATION CLASSES

The Information Classes are listed under the following 'Class Group Headings':

- Crime, Law, Justice and Rights
(Reports, Reviews and Summary Information for the Public)
- Employment and Staff Policies
(Summary Information for the Public)
- Equality
- Financial Budgets
(Reports, Reviews and Summary Information for the Public)
- Government Politics and Public Administration
(Reports, Reviews and Summary Information for the Public)
- Information and Communication
- People, Communities and Living

These headings are designed to help readers of this scheme to find the information they are seeking. We do not publish all information that falls within these group headings. The information classes listed under each group heading gives further details of what type of information is published.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please note that where it is indicated that an item can be obtained online, it is available on the Northern Ireland Office website at <http://www.nio.gov.uk>. Online publications are free of charge unless indicated otherwise. Items indicated as available online are also available by post from the Northern Ireland Office (see "Links"). A charge for printed copies may apply. The information source listed refers to print copies of the publication.

Address details for all the information sources listed in this Publication Scheme are given on page 15.

<u>CLASS GROUP HEADING</u>	<u>CLASS / TYPE OF INFORMATION</u> (including definitions where appropriate)	<u>WHERE INFORMATION IN THIS CLASS IS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>IS THERE A CHARGE?</u>
CRIME, LAW, JUSTICE & RIGHTS IN NORTHERN IRELAND (Reports, Reviews and Summary Information for the Public)	Statistical Reports on Crime and Crime related issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIO Website (www.nio.gov.uk) • Available by request from Statistics Branch 	FREE
	Confronting Organised Crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organised Crime Taskforce Website 	FREE
	Crime Prevention & Reduction And Community Safety through Crime Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIO Website • Community Safety Unit (Some guidance available through the NIO is supplied by the Police)	FREE
	Implementation plans and progress reports on the Criminal Justice Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criminal Justice Website 	FREE
	Rehabilitation of Offenders (general information on/for)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern Ireland Criminal Law Branch 	FREE
	Sex Offending (statistics and public reports)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIO Website 	FREE
	Victims of the Troubles (public reports and general information on/for)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIO Website • Victims Liaison Unit 	FREE
	Vulnerability and Intimidation of Witnesses of Crime (general information on/for)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIO Website 	FREE
	Firearms & Decommissioning (public reports)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIO Website • Police Division 	FREE
	Justice System (guidance leaflets, public consultation and public review reports)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIO Website • The Stationery Office (Charge for Printed copies) 	FREE ON WEBSITE (CHARGE FOR PRINTED VERSION)

	The Peace Process (general information and public reports on progress and development)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NIO Website	FREE
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<p>CRIME, LAW, JUSTICE & RIGHTS IN NORTHERN IRELAND (Reports, Reviews and Summary Information for the Public) cont.</p>	<p>Policing and the Future of Policing in Northern Ireland (information and reports for the public on developments in)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIO Website • Patten Action Team • The Stationery Office (Charge for Printed copies) 	<p>FREE ON WEBSITE (CHARGE FOR PRINTED VERSION)</p>
	<p>Public Safety and Security (general information for the public)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIO Website 	<p>FREE</p>
	<p>Terrorism (statistics and general information for the public)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIO Website 	<p>FREE</p>
<p>EMPLOYMENT – PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS (Summary Information for the Public)</p>	<p>Public Appointments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Published in Annual Report on NIO Website • New Appointments issued by Press Release (NIO Website) 	<p>FREE</p>
<p>EQUALITY (INC. SECTION 75 NORTHERN IRELAND ACT)</p>	<p>Statistics on Equality in Northern Ireland</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIO Website • Statistics Branch 	<p>FREE</p>
	<p>Equality Scheme for the Northern Ireland Office (and Progress Reports)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIO Website • NIO Central Management Unit 	<p>FREE</p>
	<p>Reports on the Implementation of the Equality and Good Relations Duties Under Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIO Website • Office of the Civil Service Commissioners 	<p>FREE</p>
<p>FINANCIAL BUDGET (Reports, Reviews and Summary Information for the Public)</p>	<p>NIO's Spending Estimates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIO Website • The Stationery Office (Charge for Printed copies) 	<p>FREE ON WEBSITE (CHARGE FOR PRINTED VERSION)</p>
	<p>NIO's Expenditure Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIO Website • The Stationery Office (Charge for Printed copies) 	<p>FREE ON WEBSITE (CHARGE FOR PRINTED VERSION)</p>
	<p>NIO's Public Service Agreements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIO Website • The Stationery Office (Charge for Printed copies) 	<p>FREE ON WEBSITE (CHARGE FOR PRINTED VERSION)</p>

	Annual Summary Financial Information (included in Departmental Annual Report)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIO Website • The Stationery Office (Charge for Printed copies) 	FREE ON WEBSITE (CHARGE FOR PRINTED VERSION)
	Annual "Resource Accounts"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Stationery Office (Charge for Printed copies) <p>[N.B. There are plans to make this available on the NIO Website in future]</p>	CHARGE FOR PRINTED VERSION

GOVERNMENT, POLITICS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (Reports, Reviews and Summary Information for the Public)	Guides and information for the public on Devolution in Northern Ireland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIO Website 	FREE
	Departmental Public Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIO Website • The Stationery Office 	FREE ON WEBSITE (CHARGE FOR PRINTED VERSION)
	Analysis and Information for the Public on Elections in Northern Ireland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIO Website • Statistics Branch 	FREE
	Historical Summaries of Northern Ireland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIO Website 	FREE
	Legislation relevant to the function of the NIO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIO Website • Acts of Parliament can be viewed at www.legislation.hms.o.gov.uk • Bills before parliament can be viewed at www.parliament.co.uk • The Stationery Office 	FREE ON WEBSITE (CHARGE FOR PRINTED VERSION)
	Annual Reports of Independent Assessors, Commissioners or Inspectors (N.B. NIO is not responsible for compiling or publishing this information – this entry is as an aid to the public)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct from Office of the Independent Assessor, Commissioner or Inspector Concerned; or • The Stationery Office 	USUALLY FREE OF CHARGE
	Public Consultations of Draft Proposals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Normally Available on NIO Website 	FREE
INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION	Press Releases, Press Notices, Keynote Speeches and Key Articles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIO Website • Information Services 	FREE
PEOPLE COMMUNITIES & LIVING	Summary Information for the Public on Proposals for the Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIO Website 	FREE

	Summary Information in Relation to Parades in Northern Ireland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIO Website • Parades Commission 	FREE
	Statistical Information for the Public on Religious Belief and Communities in NI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIO Website • Statistics Branch 	FREE

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NIO Criminal Policy Branch Massey House Stoney Road Belfast BT4 3SX	NIO Statistics Branch Massey House Stoney Road Belfast BT4 3SX
NIO Criminal Law Branch Massey House Stoney Road Belfast BT4 3SX	NIO Victim Support Northern Ireland Stormont House Stormont Estate Belfast BT4 3SH
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COMPENSATION AGENCY FOR NORTHERN IRELAND PUBLICATION SCHEME

INFORMATION CLASSES

The Information Classes are listed under the following 'Class Group Headings':

- Compensation Claims
(Guides for the Public)
- Government Politics and Public Administration
(Reports, Reviews and Summary Information for the Public)

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please note that where it is indicated that an item can be obtained online, it is available on the Compensation Agency for Northern Ireland website at <http://www.compensationni.gov.uk>. Items indicated as available online are also available by post from the Compensation Agency (see "Links"). A charge for printed copies may apply. The information source listed refers to print copies of the publication.

<u>CLASS GROUP HEADING</u>	<u>CLASS / TYPE OF INFORMATION</u> (including definitions where appropriate)	<u>WHERE INFORMATION IN THIS CLASS IS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>IS THERE A CHARGE?</u>
COMPENSATION CLAIMS (Guides for the Public)	Guides for Applicants Under Compensation Schemes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compensation Agency Website • Printed Guides from Compensation Agency 	FREE
	Guides to Compensation Schemes and Services in Northern Ireland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compensation Agency Website • Printed Guides from Compensation Agency 	FREE
	Guides to Arrangements for Compensation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compensation Agency Website • Printed Guides from Compensation Agency 	FREE
GOVERNMENT, POLITICS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (Reports, Reviews and Summary Information for the Public)	Public Reports by the Compensation Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compensation Agency Website 	FREE
	Analysis of Targets and Performance of Compensation Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compensation Agency Website 	FREE
	Summary details of the Functions and Role of Compensation Agency (including public statements on the Agency's Charter/Framework)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compensation Agency Website 	FREE
	Public Consultations of Draft Proposals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Normally Available on Compensation Agency Website 	FREE

FORENSIC SCIENCE AGENCY OF NORTHERN IRELAND PUBLICATION SCHEME

INFORMATION CLASSES

The Information Classes are listed under the following 'Class Group Headings':

- Employment and Staff Policies
(Summary Information for the Public)
- Government Politics and Public Administration – Including
Accounts
(Reports, Reviews and Summary Information for the Public)

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EMPLOYMENT AND STAFF POLICIES (Summary Information for the Public)	Career Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forensic Science Agency Website 	FREE
	Human Resources Policy*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available from Forensic Science Agency 	FREE
	Public Summaries of Reports on Health and Safety and Health & Safety Policies*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available from Forensic Science Agency 	FREE
GOVERNMENT, POLITICS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (INCLUDING ACCOUNTS) (Reports, Reviews and Summary Information for the Public)	Public Summaries of Business Plans, and Framework and Strategy Documents*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available from Forensic Science Agency 	FREE TO VIEW A COPYING FEE MAY BE CHARGED
	Public Reports (Inc Summary Financial Information)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forensic Science Agency Website • The Stationery Office 	FREE ON WEBSITE (CHARGE FOR PRINTED VERSION)
	Public Summaries of Service Level Agreements and Quality and Fraud Policies*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available from Forensic Science Agency 	FREE TO VIEW A COPYING FEE MAY BE CHARGED

* Will be made available by January 2005.

NORTHERN IRELAND PRISON SERVICE PUBLICATION SCHEME

INFORMATION CLASSES

The Information Classes are listed under the following 'Class Group Headings':

- Access to Information
- Employment and Staff Policies
(Summary Information for the Public)
- Government Politics and Public Administration
(Reports, Reviews and Summary Information for the Public)
- Public Information about Prisons and Prisoners

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ACCESS TO INFORMATION	Policy on Voluntary Disclosure of Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern Ireland Prison Service Website 	FREE
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