

Update re IOD Reviews following the cancellation of the Police Pension Board Meeting on 29/4/2020 due to the Corona Virus.

1. Regarding the letter that T/ Chief Constable Baker sent out to injury pensioners concerning the case of Evans and another v the Chief Constable of South Wales Police which surrounded possible incorrect deductions from Police Pensions. The letter indicated that XPS, the Pensions Administrator would commence calculations in March/April 2020. XPS have identified a further 8 pensioners in addition to the 120 already identified as eligible, they are also checking the files of a further 67 in case any of them are also eligible for a recalculation. The work on individual cases has already started, though each one is different and XPS could not give a definite time scale on when all of the work will be concluded. The Corona Virus may cause some delays, but XPS, whose workforce is currently working from home have stated the work on these calculations will still proceed.
2. Owing to the fact that this Pension Board Meeting has been cancelled, I and other Pension Board Members have asked DCC Baker if he would consider doing a Pension Board Meeting via video conferencing or telephone conferencing, that is if the Corona Virus is still persisting.
3. At previous Pension Board Meetings I had requested that as previously agreed that the minutes of the meetings be published on the Staffordshire Police Website. This does not appear to have been happening. Staffordshire Police have been contacted by me and asked to chase the publishing of these minutes, hopefully this will soon be resolved. Unfortunately the minutes of the meeting on 19/9/2019 will not be available until such time as the full Pension Board ratifies the minutes at their next meeting whenever that might be.
4. Staffordshire Police intend to send the half yearly update of injury pensions to Pension Board members. When I receive this document, I will have it placed on the part of NARPO Website covering IOD matters.
5. Reviews of new Injury Pensioners are still taking place and a few existing injury pensioners are still being reviewed, these in the main are band 1 pensioners asking for a reconsideration of their injuries.
6. In respect of the ongoing Judicial Review of the IOD's under Regulation 33 and the challenge concerning the 2008 Agreement, a decision on when this should take place should have been made by the end of April 2020, as yet nothing has been heard. It is however expected that Judicial Reviews will still take place, although in the current circumstances they may be by way of video or telephone conferencing.

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