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*Making a Difference*



# *Chronic Pain Management Scheme*

*Care in the  
Police Family*

Northern Ireland

## Psychological Support Scheme

This fund is intended to provide access to specialist treatment for those experiencing long-term pain as a direct result of terrorist violence. Intervention may include provision of a place on a pain management programme, such as that provided by PRRT, referral to medical or approved alternative providers appointed by the Northern Ireland Police Fund.

### Eligibility

- Officers and former officers\* with serious physical injuries caused as a direct result of terrorist violence  
"Serious injuries" are deemed to be those which would entitle the applicant to an Band 2 medical discharge as defined by an occupational physician.
- A carer of an officer or former officer with serious physical injuries can also apply for support through the Chronic Pain Management Scheme where he/she can clearly demonstrate that such support will have a positive impact upon the life of the officer for whom he/she has primary caring responsibility.
  - **No distinction is made in the case of a former police officer injured by terrorists after his/her service where the injury occurred as a direct result of having been a police officer.**

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## **Evidential Requirements:**

Assessment report by relevant specialist if requested by the Board; GP referral.

Documentary evidence from either PANI or NI Policing Board confirming their IOD banding level.

## **Maximum Grant:**

No upper limit subject to Board and specialist approval. Once an application has been approved client can only apply again within 12 months of the awarding of the grant in exceptional circumstances, and at the discretion of the Board. Clients cannot re-apply for the same item if their first request for that item has been declined nor can applications be split into separate parts to avoid the capping of awards.