

Freedom of Information Request

Request:

The number of Ill health retirement applications.

Status: Complete

Response Date:

NHS Pensions do not collect the specific data you have requested.

However please find attached a table showing the outcome, by broad diagnostic category, of initial applications for Ill Health retirements benefits during the period 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008.

The information you are seeking is not collected in the format you have requested but that data for the period 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2009 will be available later in the year, in the same format as the table enclosed.

The table below shows the outcome by broad diagnostic category of initial applications for ill health retirement benefits during the period from 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008

IHR Initial - 1 April 07 to 31 March 2008

	Accepted		Deferred		Not Accepted		Total	
	Volume	%	Volume	%	Volume	%	Volume	%
Certain infectious and parasitic diseases	7	0.19%	1	0.03%	1	0.03%	9	0.24%
Chronic Fatigue Syndrome	15	0.41%	3	0.08%	48	1.31%	66	1.80%
Congenital malformations and deformations	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	0.03%	1	0.03%
Diseases of blood and blood forming organs	15	0.41%	0	0.00%	2	0.05%	17	0.46%
Diseases of the circulatory system	134	3.65%	10	0.27%	45	1.22%	189	5.14%
Diseases of the digestive system	37	1.01%	7	0.19%	27	0.73%	71	1.93%
Diseases of the ear and mastoid process	17	0.46%	4	0.11%	13	0.35%	34	0.92%
Diseases of the eye and adnexa	47	1.28%	1	0.03%	15	0.41%	63	1.71%
Diseases of the genitourinary system	23	0.63%	4	0.11%	13	0.35%	40	1.09%
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system	279	7.59%	48	1.31%	281	7.64%	608	16.54%
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system (non	417	11.34%	61	1.66%	281	7.64%	759	20.65%
Diseases of the nervous system	301	8.19%	31	0.84%	52	1.41%	384	10.45%
Diseases of the respiratory system	80	2.18%	6	0.16%	31	0.84%	117	3.18%
Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue	18	0.49%	1	0.03%	4	0.11%	23	0.63%
Endocrine, nutritional and Metabolic diseases	33	0.90%	4	0.11%	21	0.57%	58	1.58%
External causes of morbidity and mortality	1	0.03%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	0.03%
Factors influencing health status	18	0.49%	0	0.00%	7	0.19%	25	0.68%
Injury, poisoning and other external	13	0.35%	1	0.03%	5	0.14%	19	0.52%
Mental and behavioural disorders	245	6.66%	27	0.73%	382	10.39%	654	17.79%
Neoplasms	466	12.68%	13	0.35%	40	1.09%	519	14.12%
Stress	4	0.11%	0	0.00%	3	0.08%	7	0.19%
Symptoms, signs and abnormal findings	1	0.03%	1	0.03%	3	0.08%	5	0.14%
Unknown category	0	0.00%	1	0.03%	6	0.16%	7	0.19%
Grand Total	2171	59.06%	224	6.09%	1281	34.85%	3676	100.00%

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Important information

NHS Pensions does not collect data on;

Fibromyalgia as a specific category;

Health care workers as a specific category

Age profiles as a specific data set.

The above data is for the year ending 31 March 2008. The annual analysis for year ending 31 March 2009 is not yet available.

The above data reflect decisions made under regulation E2 **prior** to the introduction of the new two tier arrangements from 1 April 2008. That is, the requirement for the early payment of an enhanced pension turned on whether a member is permanently incapable of efficiently discharging the duties of their NHS employment.

However under the two tier arrangements introduced on 1 April 2008, an enhanced pension is only payable where a member is permanently incapable of **regular employment of like duration** to the former NHS post, ie whole time or part time – Tier 2 condition.

Members who do not meet this condition but meet the Tier 1 condition, ie are permanently incapable of efficiently discharging the duties of their NHS employment, will still be entitled to the early payment of the pension and lump sum but without any enhancement.

Defer - means a decision has been stayed for 3, 6 or 9 months pending the outcome of treatment. In other words it is neither accepted or rejected