

Freedom of Information Request

Request:

Information regarding the NHS Pension Scheme and Ill Health Retirement. ideally for the years 2006 and or 2007 whichever ones we had available.

1. How many applications did NHS Pensions receive for Ill Health Retirement? (2006/2007)
2. Of those applications how many were successful at receiving Ill Health Retirement?
3. How many of the unsuccessful applications were appealed?
4. Of those applications that appealed, how many of those were successful and unsuccessful?
5. What are the main reasons for granting Ill Health Retirement? (Musculo-skeletal, psychiatric, cardiovascular etc?).

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Please find below a number of tables which answer of your questions. The data is for one year ending 31 March 2007 and comprises;

- Initial applications for IHR by outcome and diagnosis
- Summary of successful initial applications by broad diagnostic group
- 1st Appeal for IHR by outcome and diagnosis
- 2nd Appeal for IHR by outcome and diagnosis
- 3rd Appeal for IHR by outcome and diagnosis

For information::;

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 rejectedThe data about appeals needs to be treated with some caution because of the inevitable time lag from the date of the initial application and the completion of the appeals process. In other words some of the appeals may stem from applications in an earlier year.

Initial Ill-Health Retirement Outcomes by IHR ICD Clearance Codes

IHR Initial

	Accepted		Deferred		Not Accepted		Total	
	Volume	%	Volume	%	Volume	%	Volume	%
Certain infectious and parasitic diseases	8	0.2%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	9	0.2%
Chronic Fatigue Syndrome	20	0.5%	4	0.1%	54	1.4%	78	2.0%
Congenital malformations and deformations	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	2	0.1%
Diseases of blood and blood forming organs	15	0.4%	1	0.0%	7	0.2%	23	0.6%
Diseases of the circulatory system	127	3.2%	21	0.5%	66	1.7%	214	5.4%
Diseases of the digestive system	48	1.2%	5	0.1%	38	1.0%	91	2.3%
Diseases of the ear and mastoid process	10	0.3%	2	0.1%	12	0.3%	24	0.6%
Diseases of the eye and adnexa	38	1.0%	1	0.0%	16	0.4%	55	1.4%
Diseases of the genitourinary system	14	0.4%	6	0.2%	17	0.4%	37	0.9%
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system (back)	290	7.3%	63	1.6%	289	7.3%	642	16.2%
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system (non back)	449	11.3%	65	1.6%	332	8.4%	846	21.4%
Diseases of the nervous system	320	8.1%	31	0.8%	58	1.5%	409	10.3%
Diseases of the respiratory system	85	2.1%	6	0.2%	34	0.9%	125	3.2%
Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue	19	0.5%	1	0.0%	8	0.2%	28	0.7%
Endocrine, nutritional and Metabolic diseases	43	1.1%	4	0.1%	30	0.8%	77	1.9%
External causes of morbidity and mortality	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%
Factors influencing health status	11	0.3%	0	0.0%	9	0.2%	20	0.5%
Injury, poisoning and other external consequences	15	0.4%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	17	0.4%
Mental and behavioural disorders	230	5.8%	34	0.9%	452	11.4%	716	18.1%
Neoplasms	437	11.0%	21	0.5%	53	1.3%	511	12.9%
Stress	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	2	0.1%	4	0.1%
Symptoms, signs and abnormal findings	3	0.1%	4	0.1%	13	0.3%	20	0.5%
Unknown category	2	0.1%	1	0.0%	9	0.2%	12	0.3%
Grand Total	2186	55.2%	272	6.9%	1503	37.9%	3961	100.0%

Initial IHR Outcomes and Acceptances by Diagnostic category 2006/07

Diagnosis	2006/07	
	All	Accepts
All categories	3961	2186 (55%)
Neoplasms	511 13%	437 20%
Nervous system	409 10.5%	320 14.5%
Circulatory system	214 5.5%	127 6%
Musculo-skeletal system	1488 37%	739 34%
Mental health	720 18%	231 10.5%
The Rest	541 14%	332 15%