

## Freedom of Information Request

**Request:**

Since the rules were widened to include unmarried partners as potential beneficiaries under the NHS Pension Scheme (which I understand came into effect a year ago) how many claims have been made, how many claims have been successful and how many claims by unmarried partners have been turned down?

**Status:** Complete

**Response Date:** 16/03/2010

**How many claims have been made?**

From 1 April 2008, when the changes to the scheme came into effect, until the present, NHS Pensions has received 6,887 partner nomination requests.

**How many claims have been successful and how many claims by unmarried partners have been turned down?**

I can confirm that the Authority holds information falling within the description specified in your request. However, I estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit of £450. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations and for non-central Government departments it is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2½ working days in determining whether the Authority holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Authority is not obliged to comply with your request and I will not be processing your request further.