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**VICTIMS' PAYMENTS BOARD ENCOURAGE APPLICATIONS TO THE TROUBLES PERMANENT DISABLEMENT PAYMENT SCHEME.**

The Victims' Payments Board which administers the Troubles Permanent Disablement Payment Scheme is to encourage applications from anyone who was injured as a result of a Troubles related incident, as the Scheme enters the final 12 months before closing for applications.

While the Board will accept applications until 30 August 2026, it will remain operational for some years until all applications received have been assessed and determined.

Since the Scheme opened in August 2021, 11,800 applications have been received with more than £107m paid to victims so far.

VPB Secretary Paul Bullick says the Board encourages anyone who has suffered a permanent disablement, either physical or psychological, as a result of a Troubles related injury, to make an application to the Scheme.

"We have prepared a range of information kits which will be shared with a range of stakeholders, political representatives and welfare groups throughout the UK, Republic of Ireland and further afield, so that they have the necessary background knowledge to share with victims and their families," says Mr Bullick. "This may include people from Northern Ireland who left after being injured or perhaps local people who were caught up in Troubles-related incidents going back to the seventies."

If the Victims' Payments Board considers an applicant is entitled to an award under the Scheme, payments can range from £2,498 to £12,471 per annum.

To date almost 900 applications have been received from outside Northern Ireland including from countries like South Africa, Canada, the US, Australia and New Zealand.

**Ends**

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