

Victims' Payments Board

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TROUBLES PERMANENT DISABLEMENT PAYMENT SCHEME ADVICE AND SUPPORT

Applicants to the Troubles Permanent Disablement Payment Scheme have today been reminded that help and advice on making an application to the scheme is available free of charge.

In a statement, Mr Justice McAlinden said:

“I recognise that the application process can seem both complicated and daunting. The Victims' Payments Board does not want that to be an impediment to any one making an application to the scheme and so we have ensured that free advice and support is available to those who need it.

I would strongly encourage anyone who has suffered a permanent disablement as a result of a Troubles-related incident, and who requires assistance, to get in touch with one of the groups who are providing this free service to victims and survivors.

I have met the groups on a number of occasions and am fully assured of their commitment to providing the necessary support and assistance to applicants to this important scheme.”

The organisations available to provide free assistance and support to applicants during the application process are as follows:

WAVE

- T: 028 9077 9922
- E: adminhq@wavetrauma.org

The Ely Centre

- T: 028 6632 0977
- E: enquiriesvps@elycentre.co.uk

Relatives for Justice (RfJ)

- T: 028 9694 9327

E: injuredscheme@relativesforjustice.com

South East Fermanagh Foundation (SEFF)

- T: 028 6772 3884
- E: welfare@seff.org.uk

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Applications can be made to the scheme on-line or by submitting a paper copy. Further detail is available on the Victims' Payment Board website:

www.victimspaymentsboard.org.uk

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Mr Justice McAlinden was appointed by the Lord Chief Justice as President of the Victims' Payments Board on 1 March 2021. Twenty-six legal, medical and ordinary members of the Board have also been sworn into office.

The Victims' Payments Board is responsible for determining who is entitled to payment in respect of an injury caused by a Troubles-related incident.

If you have any further enquiries about this or other Victims' Payments Board related matters please contact:

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