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Response Date:22/10/2026

2026/1058 - Police Pension Death Benefits – Award Counts

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I request the following counts only (no monetary amounts, no individual case data, no review outcomes) for each of the three pension categories defined below, under the Police Pensions Regulations 2015:

1. **Surviving adult's pension (as defined in Regulation 136)**

2. **Eligible child's pension (as defined in Regulation 143)**

3. **Lump sum death grants (as payable under Regulations 155–156)**

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For the avoidance of doubt regarding category 3: I understand that lump sum death grants are payable in respect of a deceased member under Regulation 155, and that Regulation 156 establishes a hierarchy of possible recipients. I am seeking the total number of grants paid in each year, regardless of the category of recipient under Regulation 156. I am not seeking a breakdown by recipient type, and I am not seeking the count of individual beneficiaries where that differs from the count of grants.

Information Requested

1. **For each of the five full financial years 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26, and for each of the three categories above, please provide the number of new awards put into payment during that financial year — that is, the number of new surviving adult's pensions, new eligible child's pensions, and new lump sum death grants paid in that year.**

2. **Please provide the total number of awards in payment as at 31 March 2026 for (i) surviving adult's pensions and (ii) eligible child's pensions, with separate figures for (i) and (ii).**

To be clear: Q2 is not limited to awards put into payment during the five years covered by Q1. It is the total stock of awards in payment at that date, regardless of when they were first awarded.

New Awards :	New Surviving Adult's pension	New Eligible Child's pension	New Lump sum death grants
1/4/2025 - 31/03/2026	13	0	0
1/4/2024 - 31/03/2025	21	0	0
1/4/2023 - 31/03/2024	15	0	0
1/4/2022 - 31/03/2023	13	0	1
1/4/2021 - 31/03/2022	13	0	0

Total number of Surviving Adult pensions @ 31/03/2026 = 268
Total number of Surviving Child's pensions @ 31/03/2026 = 4
Total number of Surviving Adult Pensions & Eligible Child's pensions @ 31/03/2026 = 272

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 21/10/2026