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Introduction

1. This paper is presented by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland to inform Parliament of the introduction of the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) Service Medal by the Department of Justice for Northern Ireland.
2. The introduction of the PSNI Service Medal will formally recognise the service provided by PSNI officers in the complex and challenging environment of Northern Ireland.
3. PSNI received approval from the Royal Mint Advisory Committee for the medal and ribbon design on 20 September 2017 and final approval from Her Majesty The Queen on 20 March 2019.

Eligibility

4. The eligibility criteria are defined as follows:-
 - (a) Officers have completed 5 years' service since 25 February 2009 (date inclusive) i.e. the date that the threat level was raised to 'severe'; or
 - (b) As a result of an injury or disability sustained in the execution of duty on or after 25 February 2009, officers have:
 - i. Died or been required to resign; and
 - ii. The injury or disability was a direct consequence of the unique security situation prevailing in Northern Ireland; and
 - iii. As a consequence, failed to complete the qualifying service requirement as set out in point (a) above.
 - (c) When the above criteria are met, any posthumous award will be made to the late officer and not to the next of kin.

Design and regulations

5. The Medal shall be designated and styled 'The Police Service of Northern Ireland Service Medal'.
6. The Medal shall be in cupro-nickel in the form of a circular Medal bearing on the obverse the Crowned Effigy of the Sovereign by Jody Clark, approved for use since 2015, and on the reverse the inscription 'PRO MUNERIS' above a design showing the crest of the PSNI with emblems of shamrock and laurel below.

7. The Medal shall be worn on the left side suspended from a ribbon one and a quarter inches in width, which shall be in colour sky blue, with a central band of dark green this being the shade of green in the PSNI crest.
8. The recipient's rank, initials and surname, at the date where they became eligible, shall be inscribed on the edge.
9. The names of all those to whom the Medal shall be awarded shall be recorded by the PSNI.
10. The delegated powers to make awards is the responsibility of the Department of Justice for Northern Ireland.
11. It is the responsibility of the Department of Justice for Northern Ireland, on the advice of the Chief Constable, to cancel and annul the conferment of the Medal on any person and also to restore a Medal which has been forfeited.
12. A review will take place 5 years following introduction; or following a reduction in the Northern Ireland threat level for a continuous period of 12 months.

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