POLICE Federation

JOINT/CONSTABLES'/SERGEANTS'/INSPECTORS'
CENTRAL COMMITTEE
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NOISE INDUCED HEARING LOSS AND TINITUS QUESTIONNAIRE

This form is to be used to apply legal assistance where personal injury occurs as a result of any noise trauma.
This form is strictly confidential and can only be disclosed to the Police Federation and our retained Solicitors.

Full name

Force

Section 1 - General Questions

1. When did you join the Police Service?

2. If retired, when did you retire?

3. When did you first realise that your hearing was impaired?

4. If applicable, when did you first begin to suffer from Tinnitus?

5. When did you first consult a member of the medical profession about your hearing problem?

6. When did you first see an ENT consultant about your problem?

7. Have you received a copy of any medical report or audiograms taken confirming that you have hearing impairment?

8. When did you first realise or suspect that your damaged hearing may have been brought about as a result of noise at work?

9. When were you first told by a member of the medical profession that it was likely that noise had damaged your hearing?

10. Before completing the questionnaire, had you ever complained about noise in the work place? If you did complain, please provide us with as much detail as possible concerning when you complained, to whom you complained and what was the response from the Police Service. *(Please use separate sheet if necessary)*.

Section 2 - Firearms Deafness

11. In what years did you carry firearms?

12. What weapons did you use?

13. On how many occasions did you attend firearms sessions?

14. Were you ever given a warning about the danger of noise emitted from using firearms?

Section 3 - Motorcycle Deafness

15. In what years did you carry out motorcycle training?

16. What motorcycles did you use?

17. Have you ever carried out high-speed motorcycle duties? If so, please specify in as much detail as possible, the nature and extent of the work undertaken. For example, if surveillance work was carried out, then set out briefly for how long you were undertaking high-speed surveillance work.

18. Did you ever use hearing protection? If so, on how many occasions?

19. If protection was used, please describe the equipment being issued.

20. Were you ever given a warning on the danger of motorcycle wind noise to your hearing?
Have you ever used motorcycles other than in the Police Service, eg: for receation use?

Section 4 - Radio and Electronic Earpiece Exposure

21. In what years did you use radio earpieces or headsets? What equipment did you use?

22. Were you able to adjust the volume of the equipment which was being used?

23. Were you ever given a warning about the danger of noise emitted from radio electronic earpieces for your hearing?

24. Have you ever used radio or electronic earpieces other than in the Police Service, eg, whilst in the Armed Forces?

Section 5 - Dog Noise

25. In what years did you carry out handling or training? If you used firearms during the course of the training, would you please complete Section 2.

26. If you consider that you have noise induced hearing loss as a result of noise from barking dogs, would you please specify in as much detail as possible, why you believe the Police Service is at fault. For example, if you used a police van without any sound proofing this should be stated.

27. Were you given a warning about the danger of dog noise to your hearing?

Section 6 - Other Information

28. Have you been exposed to any other loud noise apart from in the Sections completed? Please give details.

29. Have you ever suffered damage to the ear, head injury or suffered from an ear infection?
Please give details.

30. Have you ever been prescribed medication and told that it may cause you to suffer a temporary or permanent hearing problem?

31. Are there any factors that are not covered above which may be relevant to us in our investigations into your case?

Signature ....   Date ....