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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: MISUSE OF SOCIAL MEDIA.

We refer to your email dated 14 April 2021 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on 15 April 2021.

We are treating your email as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000).

In your email you requested the following information:

Between January 1 2015 and April 14 2021, how many police officers and staff employees have been investigated for breaching police guidelines on social media use?

For each investigation, please can you provide the following information:

- a) the date the case was recorded,**
- b) the nature of the allegation (complaint summary) including the social media platform involved,**
- c) the rank (or paygrade) of the officer or civilian,**
- d) the result - specifically whether an allegation was proven, and whether they were sacked / resigned / no further action.**

A search for information has now been completed by the Ministry of Defence Police and I can confirm that we do hold information in scope of your request.

Between January 1 2015 and April 14 2021, how many police officers and staff employees have been investigated for breaching police guidelines on social media use?

For each investigation, please can you provide the following information:

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d) the result - specifically whether an allegation was proven, and whether they were sacked / resigned / no further action.

Date Case Recorded	Allegation Summary	Rank/Grade	Result
12/01/2015	Misuse of social media	Civilian Band E1	Final Written Warning
20/06/2016	Inappropriate images posted on social media whilst off duty	T/PS	Management Action
24/10/2016	Uploading images taken in the workplace onto social media	PS	Management Action
24/11/2016	Image of armed officer sent via Whatsapp	PC	Management Action
20/07/2018	Inappropriate comments on Facebook whilst off duty	PC	Management Action
31/08/2018	Images uploaded to social media (Snapchat) whilst on duty	PC	Final Written Warning
17/04/2019	Posting derogatory remarks on Facebook whilst off duty	PC	Management Action
22/08/2019	Uploading videos/images taken in the workplace onto social media	PC	Officer Resigned

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely

MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office