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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000. MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: SPIT GUARDS AND SPIT HOODS

I refer to your e-mail of 11 October 2018, which was acknowledged on the same date.

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

In your e-mail you requested the following information:

- “1. How many civil claims has the force received regarding spit guards or spit hoods from December 1, 2013- October 1, 2018? This includes applications against the force for failing to provide spit guards as well as for incidents involving the use of a spit hood. Please include the month and year each claim was submitted. Please indicate whether the case is ongoing or what the outcome of the case was, and brief details (including the nature of any alleged injuries and whether the claimant is an employee).**
- 2. How many civil claims has the force received with regards to equipment, kit or uniform provided to officers and staff from January 1, 2014- October 1 2018. Please include the month and year each claim was submitted. Please indicate whether the case is ongoing or what the outcome of the case was, and brief details (including the nature of any alleged injuries and whether the claimant is an employee).”**

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

- 1. How many civil claims has the force received regarding spit guards or spit hoods from December 1, 2013- October 1, 2018?**

No info held. The Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) do not use spit guards or spit hoods.

2. How many civil claims has the force received with regards to equipment, kit or uniform provided to officers and staff from January 1, 2014- October 1 2018.

See the attached document.

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

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely

MDP Sec Data Protection and Freedom of Information Office

EMPLOYEE CLAIMS	CLAIM DESCRIPTION	CLAIM UPHELD	CLAIM STATUS
REPORTED DATE			
Feb-2014	AGGRAVATED EXISTING BACK CONDITION WHILST TESTING MOLLE TACTICAL VEST.	yes	CLOSED
Apr-2014	NIHL	not known	CLOSED
Jul-2014	INJURED BACK CARRYING KIT	not known	CLOSED
Nov-2014	NIHL	yes	CLOSED
Jan-2015	NIHL	yes	OPEN
Feb-2015	REQUIRED TO CARRY HEAVY EQUIPMENT	not known	CLOSED
Mar-2015	REQUIRED TO CARRY HEAVY EQUIPMENT WHICH HAS CAUSED OR CONTRIBUTED TO DEVELOPMENT OF NECK AND SHOULDER PAIN	not known	CLOSED
Jun-2015	NIHL	yes	CLOSED
Jun-2015	HEAVY LIFTING CAUSED BACK PAIN	yes	OPEN
Jun-2015	INJURY TO BACK ON INFLATABLE BOAT	yes	OPEN
Jul-2015	HEAVY LIFTING CAUSED BACK PAIN	yes	OPEN
Jul-2015	NIHL	yes	CLOSED
Oct-2015	NOISE EXPOSURE	yes	OPEN
Oct-2015	HEARING LOSS	yes	OPEN
Oct-2015	HEAVY EQUIPMENT CLAIM	yes	OPEN
Nov-2015	NIHL	yes	OPEN
Dec-2015	NIHL	not known	CLOSED
Feb-2016	TENNIS ELBOW	not known	CLOSED
Feb-2016	NIHL	not known	CLOSED
Feb-2016	NIHL	yes	CLOSED
Apr-2016	BACK PAIN CAUSED BY HEAVY LIFTING	not known	CLOSED
Apr-2016	NHIL	yes	CLOSED
May-2016	DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT	not known	CLOSED
Jun-2016	NIHL	not known	CLOSED

Aug-2016	NIHL	yes	OPEN
Oct-2016	DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT	not known	CLOSED
Nov-2016	DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT	Yes	OPEN
Nov-2016	DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT	Yes	OPEN
Jun-2017	NIHL	Yes	OPEN
Aug-2017	NIHL	Yes	OPEN
May-2018	NIHL	Yes	OPEN
May-2018	NIHL	Yes	OPEN
Jun-2018	NIHL	Yes	OPEN

NIHL - Noise Induced Hearing Loss

Note: We have provided as much detail as possible without breaching the Freedom of Information Act threshold.