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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: LONG TERM SICK

I refer to your e-mail dated 11 September 2018, which was acknowledged on the 12 September 2018.

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. Number of officers signed off on long-term sickness due to mental health in 2015, 2016, 2017 and up to now in 2018. Can I have that broken down year on year and also as a percentage year on year of the total amount of staff sickness.**
- 2. Is there a certain amount of time that first responders to terrorist incidents are given off? If so, how long is required and what is the returning back to work policy? More specifically, incidents such as the Manchester Arena bombing, West Minster Bridge attack, London Bridge attack, Finsbury Park and Parsons Green.**
- 3. Finally, was there a certain amount of time that first responders were given off for the Grenfell Tower fire? If so, how long and what was the returning back to work policy?”**

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.

1. – Please see the table below:

FY	Number of Officers Long Term Sick- due to Anxiety,depression or Stress	Anxiety,Depression Stress LTS as %age of ALL sickness
2014/2015	111	23%
2015/2016	86	23%
2016/2017	27	9%
2017/2018	89	21%
2018 to date	105	24%

We are unable to answer questions 2 and 3 as these are not within the Ministry of Defence Police(MDP) area of responsibility.

In general, if MDP officers were to be involved in such an event, there is no certain amount of time that they would be given off. Each case would be dealt with on its own circumstances and time off would be based on the officers own wishes, combined with support from their managers and our Occupational Health department.

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

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