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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000. MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: MENTAL HEALTH

I refer to your e-mail of 13 December 2017, which was acknowledged on the 14 December 2017.

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. a) Over the last 12 months, how many hours have police officers spent with individuals detained under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act while waiting for the mental health trust to carry out an assessment?**
- b) Please could you provide the five longest assessment delays where police officers were required to be present with an individual detained under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act; and the reasons for these delays (e.g. unavailability of doctors or AMHPs)?**
- 2. a) Over the last 12 months, how many times have arrested individuals been unlawfully detained in a police station while waiting for the mental health trust to take responsibility for the person concerned?**
- 2. b) What were the five longest detention periods in the police station while waiting for the mental health trust to take responsibility for the arrested person concerned; and the reasons for these delays (e.g. assessment delays, admissions delays due to bed unavailability or ambulance delays)?**
- 3. a) Over the last 12 months, how many times have police officers had to wait with a person in need of medical attention whilst waiting for an ambulance to arrive?**

3. b) What were the five longest periods of time police officers spent waiting with a person in need of medical attention whilst waiting for an ambulance to arrive?

4. Over the last 12 months, how many times have people been conveyed to hospital in a police vehicle due to the unavailability of an ambulance?"

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

1. a) Over the last 12 months, how many hours have police officers spent with individuals detained under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act while waiting for the mental health trust to carry out an assessment?

Over the past 12 months, MDP officers have not reported having to wait for an assessment to be carried out on an individual detained under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act.

b) Please could you provide the five longest assessment delays where police officers were required to be present with an individual detained under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act; and the reasons for these delays (e.g. unavailability of doctors or AMHPs)?

N/A

2. a) Over the last 12 months, how many times have arrested individuals been unlawfully detained in a police station while waiting for the mental health trust to take responsibility for the person concerned?

No individuals have have been unlawfully detained in a Police Station whilst waiting for the mental health trust to take responsibility

2. b) What were the five longest detention periods in the police station while waiting for the mental health trust to take responsibility for the arrested person concerned; and the reasons for these delays (e.g. assessment delays, admissions delays due to bed unavailability or ambulance delays)?

N/A

3. a) Over the last 12 months, how many times have police officers had to wait with a person in need of medical attention whilst waiting for an ambulance to arrive?

The MDP do not hold any recorded data in respect of this question.

3. b) What were the five longest periods of time police officers spent waiting with a person in need of medical attention whilst waiting for an ambulance to arrive?

N/A

4. Over the last 12 months, how many times have people been conveyed to hospital in a police vehicle due to the unavailability of an ambulance?

The MDP do not hold any recorded data in respect of this question.

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

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