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Our Ref: eCase: FOI2016/002028 RFI: 58/16
Date: 1st March 2016

Dear [REDACTED],

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: TOTAL NUMBER OF UNSOLVED/RECORDED CRIMES AND NUMBER OF MDP ON A COUNTY BY COUNTY BASIS.

I refer to your email dated 11th February 2016.

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

In your email of the 11th February 2016 you requested the following information:

“Please send me:

1. The total number of unsolved crimes on a county-by-county basis in England from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015.
2. The total number of recorded crimes on a county-by-county basis in England from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015.
3. The number of police officers on a county-by-county basis in England employed from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015.”

A search for information has now been completed and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

1. The total number of unsolved crimes on a county-by-county basis in England from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015.
2. The total number of recorded crimes on a county-by-county basis in England from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015.

Please see table at Annex A.

3. The number of police officers on a county-by-county basis in England employed from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015.”

I have completed a public interest test and concluded that the public interest favours not releasing the information. I am therefore withholding the information in accordance with FOI exemptions 26 (Defence) and 31 (Law Enforcement).

- Section 26(1) Defence applies because a successful attack, or major disruption, at a sensitive MOD installation would be prejudicial to the British Isles and to the capability and effectiveness of the Armed Services.
- Section 31 (1) applies releasing information about police numbers at specific Defence installations would be prejudicial to the Defence Mission and would be likely to compromise law enforcement and security at those sites.

If you are not satisfied with this response or wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB (email CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate the case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website (<http://www.ico.org.uk>).

Yours sincerely

MDP Sec Data Protection and Freedom of Information Office

Annex A to FOI Request 2016/02028 – Total number of unsolved/recorded crimes on a county-by-county basis in England from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015.

1. The total number of unsolved crimes on a county-by-county basis in England from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015.
2. The total number of recorded crimes on a county-by-county basis in England from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015.

The table below identifies those counties where the Ministry of Defence Police have recorded crimes, and the number of crimes unsolved.

County	Unsolved Crimes	Recorded Crimes
Avon/Somerset	0	9
Bedfordshire	0	2
Berkshire	14	24
Buckinghamshire	0	2
Cambridgeshire	0	3
Cornwall	2	2
Cumbria	0	2
Derbyshire	1	1
Devon	63	82
Dorset	31	45
East Sussex	0	1
East Yorkshire	13	15
Essex	7	8
Gloucestershire	18	21
Hampshire	47	74
Herefordshire	16	25
Humberside	0	1
Kent	5	17
Lancashire	0	9
Leicestershire	0	1
Lincolnshire	0	1
Greater London	34	45
Merseyside	0	1
Norfolk	0	5
North Yorks	28	49
Northumberland	12	14
Nottinghamshire	1	1
Oxfordshire	7	16
Shropshire	7	9
Staffordshire	0	1
Suffolk	8	56
Surrey	37	42
Warwickshire	6	6
West Yorks	1	3
Wiltshire	7	20
Worcestershire	1	1