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By email – [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

Our Ref: eCase: FOI2016/04767 RFI: 138/16
Date: 23rd May 2016

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: NUMBER OF INCIDENTS IN WHICH A POLICE OFFICER WAS ASSAULTED.

I refer to your email dated 27th April 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 27th April 2016 you requested the following information:

“For the past five financial years, please provide the number of incidents in which a police officer or member of police staff was assaulted.

For each incident, please provide a summary of the incident, the extent of the injury, the amount of time if applicable resulting in the police officer being off duty, the age, sex and rank of the officer, and the local of the incident.

If any of this request would exceed cost limits, please provide a breakdown for as many years as possible, starting with 2015-16 and working backwards (2014-15, 2013-14 etc). If the full breakdown is not possible, please provide at least a summary of the incident and the extent of the injury”.

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

Please see table at Annex A in regards to your request.

I am withholding the locations of the Ministry of Defence Police Officers and incidents under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Section 40(2) applies to third party personal data and is exempt from disclosure under the FOIA if disclosure would breach any of the data principles contained with the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA98).

Personal data is defined under Section 1(1)(e) of the DPA98 as “data which relate to a living individual who can be identified – (a) from those data.

In this case the issue under consideration is that the individuals concerned could be identified by the disclosure of the information which would breach Principle One of the DPA98 (Personal data shall be processed fairly and lawfully).

Please be advised the amount of time an Officer had off duty as a result of the incident is not available in a readily retrievable format.

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 FOI2016/04767 RFI 138/16

In response to the below FOI Request –

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2011/2012

Summary	Injuries sustained	Age of officer	Gender of officer	Rank of officer
Officer assaulted by suspect whilst trying to obtain details from him.	Slight	45	M	PS
Officer assaulted by suspect whilst trying to obtain details from him	Slight	43	M	PC
Suspect was already under arrest when he kicked out at the Officer, hitting him in the chest and winding him.	None	45	M	PC
Suspect confronted by the Officer regarding an incident, suspect punched the Officer in the head	Unknown	57	M	PS
Suspect was being arrested for an offence when he head butted the Officer in the groin area.	Unknown	30	M	PC
Suspect was drunk and disorderly in a taxi. Officer was asked to attend and suspect became aggressive and abusive to Officer	Unknown	26	M	PC

2012/2013

Summary	Injuries sustained	Age of officer	Gender of officer	Rank of officer
Whilst resisting arrest the suspect struck the officer in the throat	Unknown	47	M	PC
Whilst carrying out enquiries the suspect pushed the officer	Unknown	49	M	PC

2013/14 – No recorded incidents

2014/15 – No recorded incidents

2015/16 – No recorded incidents