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By email – [REDACTED]

Our Ref: eCase: FOI2016/08225 RFI: 250/16
Date: 29th September 2016

Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: TASERS USED AGAINST INDIVIDUALS WHO DISPLAY MENTAL HEALTH OR PSYCHOLOGICAL ISSUES.

I refer to your email dated 2nd September 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 2nd September 2016 you requested the following information:

1. “How many incidents of TASER use by Police officers were there:
 - a. For each year in the period 2004-2016 by category of deployment (Drawn, Red dot, Arced, Discharged)?
 - b. Of these, how many were used against an individual who displayed mental health or psychological issues?
2. For each year (in the period 2004-2016), how many callouts were made for the purpose of a Section 136 (MHA 1983) removal to a place of safety? Of this, how many callouts involved the use of a TASER?
3. For each year (in the period 2004-2016), how many callouts involved the use of TASER:
 - a. At secure psychiatric units and
 - b. other psychiatric units?

In compliance with s45 Code of Practice (datasets) we should also be grateful if you would send any datasets in an electronic format that can be used by us and grant us a licence to use them.”

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

Please see Annex A attached in regards to your request.

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 Freedom of Information Request 2016/08225 RFI 250/16 – TASERS USED AGAINST INDIVIDUALS WHO DISPLAY MENTAL HEALTH OR PSYCHOLOGICAL issues.

Please note: the Ministry of Defence Police did not have TASER's prior to 2008.

1“How many incidents of TASER use by Police officers were there:

- a. For each year in the period 2004-2016 by category of deployment (Drawn, Red dot, Arced, Discharged)?
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	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Drawn	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	1	1
Aimed	2	2	1	1	1	0	2	1	0
Arced	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Red Dotted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drive Stunned	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fired	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Injuries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deaths	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mental health/psychological issues	2	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	1
a Section 136 (MHA 1983)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
At psychiatric units	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Please note:

To discharge a TASER you must have drawn and aimed/red dotted.
To 'aim' a TASER you must have 'drawn'

The drawn figures represent occasions where a TASER was removed from a holster but not aimed/red dotted or 'discharged'.

2. For each year (in the period 2004-2016), how many callouts were made for the purpose of a Section 136 (MHA 1983) removal to a place of safety? Of this, how many callouts involved the use of a TASER?

No information held. The Ministry of Defence Police only hold records from 2011. For the period 2011 to 2016 there were no callouts or incidents made for the purpose of a Section 136 (MHA 1983).

3. For each year (in the period 2004-2016), how many callouts involved the use of TASER:
 - a. At secure psychiatric units and
 - b. other psychiatric units?

No information held. There were no callouts involving the use of TASER at any secure or other psychiatric units.