

MDP Recruitment – Press Lines for Sunday Mail (Scottish tabloid, part of the Mirror Group)

- MOD Police launched a major recruitment campaign in early 2014, following a prolonged recruitment freeze.
- The campaign has been very successful and remains active, comfortably hitting its target of 300 recruits per year for the UK as a whole.
- Most recruits are cadets who require full police training, but there have also been five separate campaigns to recruit trained officers from other police forces.
- Though we do not compile detailed figures, it is likely that to date the Force has recruited over 50 officers from Police Scotland, mostly filling posts at Faslane and Coulport on the Clyde.
- The recruitment campaign is likely to continue for at least another year. The bulk of recruits will continue to be cadets requiring police training, but another campaign for trained officers is likely too.

Background

The daily duties of most MDP officers differ considerably from those of local police forces in England & Wales or Police Scotland. The main focus of the MDP is on armed security (on both land and sea) and deterrence at MOD sites where critical national assets are deployed, such as the nuclear submarine fleet at Faslane.

MDP are not military police - the Force is a civilian police force, and is not part of the military chain of command.

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