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By email – [REDACTED]

Our Ref: eCase: FOI2016/11271 RFI: 327/16  
Date: 20 December 2016

Dear [REDACTED],

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS INVOLVING MDP**

We refer to your email dated 21 November 2016 which was acknowledged on the 22 November 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 21 November 2016 you requested the following information:

**“I would like the following information:**

- **The number of accidents involving MDP vehicles in the past 5 years force-wide. Details of where blame lied on each occasion.**
- **The number of accidents involving MDP vehicles in the past 5 years driven by officers stationed at HMNB Portsmouth. Details of where blame lied on each occasion.**
- **A breakdown of how many of these accidents resulted in management action being taken against the officer driving.**
- **A breakdown of how many of these accidents resulted in misconduct proceedings being brought against the officer driving. The result of each misconduct proceeding.**
- **Where an MDP officer has been involved in an accident whilst driving an MDP vehicle on more than one occasion in the past 5 years in which he/she was to blame, the result of any management action or misconduct proceedings.”**

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

**The number of accidents involving MDP vehicles in the past 5 years force-wide. Details of where blame lied on each occasion.**

The Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) only holds recorded information in regards to the number of accidents involving MDP vehicles force-wide for the last two years (from September 2014). We have provided you with the recorded information for the last two years only.

Since September 2014 there has been 85 accidents recorded involving MDP vehicles. We do not routinely record where the blame lied on each occasion.

Prior to September 2014 the MDP only holds recorded data on accidents that resulted in a conduct case. The MDP hold a record of a total of 8 conduct cases recorded since January 2012 - September 2014 which relate to accidents involving MDP vehicles. In all of these conduct cases the officer involved was found to be at fault.

**The number of accidents involving MDP vehicles in the past 5 years driven by officers stationed at HMNB Portsmouth. Details of where blame lied on each occasion.**

Since September 2014 the MDP has not recorded where the Officers involved in accidents are stationed, therefore no information is held in this respect.

Of the 8 conduct cases recorded since January 2012 – September 2014 which relate to accidents involving MDP vehicles, none of the officers involved were stationed at HMNB Portsmouth.

**A breakdown of how many of these accidents resulted in management action being taken against the officer driving.**

From January 2012 – November 2016 there were seven (7) recorded conduct cases relating to accidents involving MDP vehicles that resulted in management action being taken against the Officer driving.

**A breakdown of how many of these accidents resulted in misconduct proceedings being brought against the officer driving. The result of each misconduct proceeding.**

From January 2012 – November 2016 three (3) conduct cases relating to accidents involving MDP vehicles resulted in Misconduct proceedings. Two (2) of these cases resulted in a written warning and 1 Officer retired/resigned prior to the misconduct hearing.

**Where an MDP officer has been involved in an accident whilst driving an MDP vehicle on more than one occasion in the past 5 years in which he/she was to blame, the result of any management action or misconduct proceedings.**

No information held.

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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB (email [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto: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

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