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By email – [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED],

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: POLICE RECRUITMENT AND ASSESSMENT CENTRES

We refer to your email dated 11 July 2016 which was acknowledged on 13 July 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 11 July 2016 you requested the following information:

- “1) How many people have passed the Police Constable assessment centre process in 2013,2014,2015,2016? Please break this down by external applicants and internal applicants.**
- 2) How many people are currently awaiting a start date? This will include everyone who has passed the assessment centre process and has not informed you they wish to withdraw. Please break this down by external applicants and internal applicants.**
- 3) After passing the assessment centre process what is the average waiting time for a start date? Please break this down by external applicants and internal applicants.**
- 4) How many Police Constables have undergone initial training in 2013,2014,2015,2016? This means they have passed the assessment centre process, accepted a start date and attended at least one day. Please break this down by external applicants and internal applicants.**
- 5) How many training places are there for the rest of the year?”**

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

- 1) How many people have passed the Police Constable Assessment centre process in 2013,2014,2015,2016? Please break this down by external applicants and internal applicants.**

Please see figures below for all external applicants who have passed a SEARCH Recruit Assessment Centre with the Ministry of Defence Police (MDP). Please note all new recruits who wish to become police officers in the MDP are recruited externally.

Year	No. of candidates
2013	0*
2014	183
2015	235
2016	50
TOTAL = 468	

*External recruitment resumed in March 2014 after a recruitment freeze

2) How many people are currently awaiting a start date? This will include everyone who has passed the assessment centre process and has not informed you they wish to withdraw. Please break this down by external applicants and internal applicants.

As at 20 July 2016 there are 220 external candidates (including NEOFs*) awaiting a start date.

*NEOF – New entrant from other Force

3) After passing the assessment centre process what is the average waiting time for a start date? Please break this down by external applicants and internal applicants.

No information held. The MDP does not hold an average waiting time figure.

4) How many Police Constables have undergone initial training in 2013,2014,2015,2016? This means they have passed the assessment centre process, accepted a start date and attended at least one day. Please break this down by external applicants and internal applicants.

Year	Total candidates
2013	0 (Recruitment freeze)
2014	70
2015	225
2016	119
OVERALL TOTAL	414 external new recruits given contracts and commenced employment

5) How many training places are there for the rest of the year?

192 places.

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, 2nd 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

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