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By email - [REDACTED]

Our Ref: eCase: FOI 2017/00617 RFI: 21/17
Date: 14 February 2017

Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: UNLAWFUL PNC ACCESS

We refer to your email dated 16 January 2017 which was acknowledged on the 16 January 2017.

We are treating your email as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000).

In your email you requested the following information:

- “• **The number of complaints about police officers illegally accessing the Police National Computer**
- **The number of complaints about force civilian staff illegally accessing the Police National Computer**
- **Please detail the outcome of those complaints (numbers of police officers disciplined/prosecuted/suspended/sacked/no action, numbers of police staff disciplined/prosecuted/suspended/sacked/no action)**
- **Please detail for what purposes (where known) those police officers and staff unlawfully accessed the PNC**

Please provide the information for calendar years 2014, 2015, 2016 –Jan-Dec.”

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 complaints about police officers illegally accessing the Police National Computer

3 (2 x conduct cases and 1 x complaint case)

The number of complaints about force civilian staff illegally accessing the Police National Computer

No information held as MDP would not hold this information.

Please detail the outcome of those complaints (numbers of police officers disciplined/prosecuted/suspended/sacked/no action, numbers of police staff disciplined/prosecuted/suspended/sacked/no action)

1. Case recorded 2014 - Linked to two officers - 1 x Management Advice, 1 x Not Proven
2. Case recorded 2014 - Linked to one officer - No Case to Answer - No Action
3. Case recorded 2015 - Linked to one officer - Management Action

Please detail for what purposes (where known) those police officers and staff unlawfully accessed the PNC

1. Alleged that officers accessed police information systems without a lawful policing purpose
2. Alleged inappropriate access to personal information
3. Alleged that officer made enquiries with another force and requested checks in relation to a road traffic accident

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, Ground Floor Zone D, 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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