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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000. MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: CANNABIS POSSESSION OFFENCES

I refer to your e-mail of 23 October 2017, which was acknowledged on the 24 October 2017.

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

In your e-mail you requested the following information:

“The number of people who were arrested for cannabis possession for the years 2013; 2014; 2015; 2016; and 2017 to date, and what the outcome was e.g. caution, no further action?”

The number of people who spent at least 12 hours in custody following an arrest for cannabis possession for the years 2013; 2014; 2015; 2016; and 2017 to date?

I would like data relating to detainees arrested for 'possession of cannabis' related offences only (please do not include cannabis offences with intent to supply).”

A search for information has now been completed by the Ministry of Defence Police and I can confirm that we do hold information in scope of your request.

“The number of people who were arrested for cannabis possession for the years 2013; 2014; 2015; 2016; and 2017 to date, and what the outcome was e.g. caution, no further action?”

Total Arrests for possession of cannabis – 4

The Ministry of Defence Police do not routinely record arrests. The only arrests recorded were where the offender was charged or cautioned.

Year	Charged
2013	1 x conditional discharge 12 months £50 costs 1 x Adult Caution
2014	1 x conditional discharge £100 fine
2015	1 x Adult caution
2016	NIL
2017	NIL

The number of people who spent at least 12 hours in custody following an arrest for cannabis possession for the years 2013; 2014; 2015; 2016; and 2017 to date?

The Ministry Of Defence Police do not hold information in relation to this question..

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely

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