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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: OFFICERS IN WALES

We refer to your email dated 16 May 2017, which was acknowledged on the 17 May 2017.

In your email you requested the following information:

- “1. Can you provide me with a full list of the number of buildings/premises that are used by the Ministry of Defence Police in Wales.**
- 2. Can this include a breakdown of what each building/ premises is used for as well as its location.**
- 3. Can you tell me how many police officers and police staff are work for the Ministry of Defence Police in Wales.”**

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

You will recall that we wrote to you on 26 May 2017, informing you that we would be would be completing a public interest test to determine whether we should release or withhold information. We have now completed the public interest test and concluded that that balance favours engaging the exemptions Section 31(1)(a)(b) - Law Enforcement , Section 38(1) – Health and Safety, and Section 40(2) – Personal Information, in relation to questions 1 and 2.

Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and is not subject to a public interest test. Releasing information relating to the location of the officer could enable him to be identified

Section 31(1)(a)(b) is a qualified exemption and is subject to public interest testing which means the information requested can only be withheld if the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in disclosure. In this instance releasing information about policing arrangements at a specific site would be likely to compromise law enforcement tactics

Section 38(1) is a qualified exemption and is subject to public interest testing which means the information requested can only be withheld if the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in disclosure. Providing the specific location where the officer is based could lead to him being identified, and could endanger the safety of the individual.

In relation to Question 3 the Ministry of Defence Police has one Officer based in Wales

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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