



## Ministry of Defence Police

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Our Ref: eCase: FOI2017/08086 RFI 234/17

Date: 29 August 2017

Dear [REDACTED]

### **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: DNA SWABS ON CHILDREN**

We refer to your email dated 16 August 2017 which was acknowledged on the 21 August 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:

**“Please can you tell me the number of children having DNA swabs taken by the police-broken down by age in the last 12-months, please?”**

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

In the last 12 months DNA swabs were taken from one 13 year old, one 15 year old, two 16 year olds, and one 17 year old.

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](mailto: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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