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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 6 April in which you requested the following information:

"How many Military Police are currently employed in the UK by the armed forces

How many arrests have the Military Police made in the month of March 2017"

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

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

In answer to your first question the number of military police serving in the UK as at 1 February 2017 is as follows:

Royal Navy	260
Army	1340
Royal Air Force	1150
Total	2750

Notes:

These figures relate to UK Regular Forces personnel, which comprise Full-time personnel but do not include Gurkhas, Full Time Reserve Service personnel and Reservists.

The figure for Army does not include Military Provost Guard Service (MPGS) personnel, but does include a small number of Long Service List (LSL) personnel.

Figures are as reported on the Joint Personnel Administration (JPA) database.

Rounding:

Numbers are rounded to the nearest 10. Numbers ending in 5 are rounded to the nearest 20 to avoid systematic bias.

Under section 16 of the Freedom of information Act – help and assistance - of the 280 Royal Navy police 40 are based on Her Majesty's ships (some of which will be based in the UK and some of which will be out on deployment). The Army figures include personnel who were employed in non-policing roles as at 1 February.

With regard to your second question, a total of 31 arrests were made by military police during the month of March.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you 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, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail 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 your 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, <https://ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the sender.

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