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By email – [REDACTED]  
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Our Ref: eCase: FOI2017/04718 RFI: 105/17  
Date: 17 May 2017

Dear [REDACTED]

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: NUMBERS OF OFFICERS**

I refer to your email dated 14 April 2017 which we acknowledged on 18 April 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:

**“How many MDP officers are assigned to Wales?”**

**On average how many MDP officers would patrol the Critical National Infrastructure sites?.”**

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

**How many MDP officers are assigned to Wales?**

The Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) has one officer based in Wales.

Please note, the MDP works together with the Home Office Police and Police Scotland to ensure the safety and security of the Ministry of Defence estate, staff and general public.

**On average how many MDP officers would patrol the Critical National Infrastructure sites?**

I have completed a public interest test in relation to this question and concluded that the public interest favours not releasing this information. I am therefore withholding the information within the agreements in accordance with FOI exemptions Section 24(1) National Security and Section 31(1) Law enforcement

- Section 24(1) has been applied because releasing information regarding numbers of officers at specific sites could be damaging to National Security.
- Section 31(1) Law enforcement applies because providing details of the number of officers at these sites would be likely to compromise the prevention or detection of crime, and security at these sites.

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, Zone D Ground Floor,, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB (email [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto: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.

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Yours sincerely

**MDP Sec Data Protection and Freedom of Information Office**