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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000. MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: SUSPENDED FROM DUTY

I refer to your e-mail of 10 May 2018, which was acknowledged on the 14 May 2018.

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:

"1. How many members of staff under your policing authority have been suspended from January 2016 onwards, what was the reason for their suspension and what was the outcome of related investigations?"

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.

Please see the attached document

All Ministry of Defence Police officers are expected to perform their duties to the highest standard at all times. Where an employee faces allegations of serious misconduct, suspension on full pay, pending investigations, is common practice.

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.gov.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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How many members of staff under your policing authority have been suspended from January 2016 onwards, what was the reason for their suspension and what was the outcome of related investigations?

As of today's date (14/05/2018), 16 Officers have been suspended since 1st January 2016.

Of those suspended, 5 are currently still under investigation, and therefore their details are not included so as not to prejudice the outcome of the investigation.

| Police Rank | Length of Suspension | Reason for Suspension | Outcome |
|----------------|----------------------|---|---|
| Constable | 410 days | Officer made fraudulent allowance claims. | Officer resigned prior to proceedings |
| Constable | 628 days | Discreditable conduct and Honesty and Integrity issues. Making False statment | Officer resigned prior to proceedings |
| Constable | 259 days | Arrested for common law assault and breach of peace | Officer resigned prior to proceedings |
| Constable | 427 days | Alleged sexual assault on a female - Case dismissed at court. | No case to answer - No action |
| Constable | 306 days | Computer misuse (off duty). | Officer resigned prior to proceedings |
| Constable | 5 days | Failure to Disclose/Making a False statement | Officer resigned prior to proceedings |
| Constable | 0 days | Failed with cause alcohol test | Officer resigned prior to proceedings |
| Constable | 190 days | Theft | Officer resigned prior to proceedings |
| Constable | 127 days | Arrested on suspicion of driving whilst under the influence of alcohol | Officer resigned prior to proceedings |
| Sergeant | 222 days | Misuse of Telecommunications system | Gross Misconduct Hearing - Final Written Warning |
| Constable | 192 days | Domestic Assault | No case to answer at court. Misconduct meeting - Written Warning. |