

Freedom of Information Office Room 126 Building 1070 MDP Wethersfield Braintree CM7 4AZ United Kingdom

Telephone: +44 (0)1371 85

E-mail: MDP-FOI-DP@mod.gov.uk

Our Ref: eCase: FOI2018/08294 RFI:198/18 Date: 18 July 2018

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000. MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE

I refer to your e-mail of 21 June 2018, which was acknowledged on the 22 June 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:

"For each of the past five years please could tell me:

1) What is the total number of complaints made by members of the public about your force? If your force categorises them then please provide a total and a breakdown by category.

2) If not covered in the answer to question one, how many complaints were made about the quality of investigations?"

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

1. There have been 344 complaint allegations within 120 complaint cases recorded in the last 5 years.

The breakdown is as follows and covers the period of 01/01/2013 - 26/06/2018

Breach Code A PACE	9 allegations
Breach Code B PACE	11 allegations
Breach Code C PACE	6 allegations
Breach Code E PACE	1 allegation
Corrupt practice	7 allegations

Discriminatory behaviour	4 allegations
Improper disclosure of information	4 allegations
Incivility, impoliteness and intolerance	37 allegations
Irregularity in evidence/perjury	29 allegations
Lack of fairness and impartiality	5 allegations
Mishandling of property	7 allegations
Multiple or unspecified breaches of PACE	1 allegation
Oppresive conduct or harrassment	31 allegations
Other	26 allegations
Other assault	12 allegations
Other irregularity in procedure	42 allegations
Other neglect or failure in duty	99 allegations
Traffic irregularity	9 allegations
Unlawful/unnecessary arrest or detention	4 allegations

2. Of the 120 complaint cases recorded within the last 5 years, 23 of these involved complaints on the quality of investigations.

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.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at https://ico.org.uk/.

Yours sincerely MDP Sec Data Protection and Freedom of Information Office