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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000. MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: MENTAL HEALTH

I refer to your e-mail of 27 June 2018, which was acknowledged on the 28 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:

- “1. Please state the total number of calendar days (FTE) taken off by police officers due to stress or anxiety, in each of the following financial years: 2014/2015/2016/2017**
- 2. Please state the proportion of total sickness absences taken off by police officers which were due to stress or anxiety, in each of the following financial years**
- 3. Please state the number of police officers who took long-term sick leave, defined as being on leave for 28 or more calendar days (i.e., 4 working weeks) due to stress or anxiety, in each of the following financial years”**

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. Total number of calendar days (FTE) taken off by Police Officers for ‘Anxiety, Depression, Stress’ in the following financial years

2014/2015 - 5447

2015/2016 - 3816

2016/2017 - 2305

2. Total number of calendar days (FTE) taken off by officers for ‘Anxiety, Depression, Stress’ as a percentage of total sickness per year in the following financial years.

2014/2015 - 18%
2015/2016 - 15%
2016/2017 - 10%

3. The number of police officers who took long term sick leave, defined as being on leave for 28 or more calendar days (i.e 4 working weeks) for 'Anxiety, Depression, Stress' in the following financial years

2014/2015 - 47
2015/2016 - 31
2016/2017 - 19

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Yours sincerely

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