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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: ELECTROSHOCK WEAPONS

I refer to your e-mail dated 6 July 2018, which was acknowledged on the same date.

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:

Please provide the following information and any related documents:

- 1. How many individuals had conducted energy weapons (also known as electroshock weapons), for example TASERS, discharged against them in each the calendar years 2014-2017.
- 2. Based on data held on searchable electronic systems or databases concerning incidents where electroshock weapons were discharged, could you please tell me whether any of the individuals who had electroshock weapons discharged against them are recorded as having any of the following implantable medical devices: neurostimulator, brain electrode(s). deep brain stimulation, deep brain stimulators, spinal cord stimulator, spinal cord stimulation, spinal cord electrode(s).
- 3. Please provide me with a copy of any internal documents concerning the use of electroshock weapons against individuals with implantable medical devices such as pacemakers or implantable defibrillators, or advising of precautions that should be taken in the use of electroshock weapons in relation to medical devices.

4. Please similarly provide copies of any investigations, reports, technical evaluations, or assessments on this matter that are possessed or have been produced by your force.

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.

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If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely

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