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Dear [REDACTED]

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000. MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE:
AUTHORISED FIREARMS OFFICERS(AFO) IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE COLLEGE OF
POLICING (COP)**

I refer to your e-mail of 3 October 2018, which was acknowledged on the 4 October 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) Are all AFO's currently deployed in compliance with COP guidelines carrying a less lethal option along with firearms? And if not why?
2) Are all AFO's currently deployed in compliance with COP guidelines carrying a secondary weapon system i.e. a pistol? And if not why?”**

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.

- 1) Are all AFO's currently deployed in compliance with COP guidelines carrying a less lethal option along with firearms? And if not why?**

All Ministry of Defence Police(MDP) AFOs are deployed in accordance with COP guidelines and must carry less lethal options.

- 2) Are all AFO's currently deployed in compliance with COP guidelines carrying a secondary weapon system i.e. a pistol? And if not why?**

There is no COP requirement for AFOs to be deployed carrying a secondary weapon system. There are numerous AFOs in UK police forces who are deployed with a single weapon.

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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