



# Ministry of Defence Police

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Date: 19 October 2018

Dear [REDACTED],

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000. MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE:  
HEATSTROKE MEASURES AND TATTOO POLICY**

I refer to your e-mail of 11 October 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:

- 1. How many officers, specials and PCSOs reported symptoms of or received treatment for dehydration, heat stroke, heat exhaustion or related conditions while on duty from May 1, 2018- September 30, 2018? Please also provide data for May-September 2017.**
- 2. Do you have a tattoo policy which requires uniformed workers to wear long sleeves if they have visible tattoos on their arms?**
- 3. Did your force make any allowances or take any extra measures to protect officers during the extreme temperatures this summer?**

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.

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No Information held

- 2. Do you have a tattoo policy which requires uniformed workers to wear long sleeves if they have visible tattoos on their arms?**

There is no current requirement for officers to wear long sleeve uniform to cover tattoos.

**3. Did your force make any allowances or take any extra measures to protect officers during the extreme temperatures this summer?**

The Ministry of Defence Police carry out specific risk assessments in times of extreme temperatures. The general welfare of our officers is paramount. We advise regular hydration, extra breaks and limit outside activity where possible.

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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