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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: DETENTION UNDER THE MENTAL HEALTH ACT

I refer to your e-mail dated 20 November 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 times did your officers detain someone using their powers under section 136 of the Mental Health Act between the date of 1/11/17 to 1/11/18 and where was the person detained?

2. How many times did your officers detain someone using their powers under section 136 of the Mental Health Act between the date of 1/11/16 to 1/11/17 and where was the person detained?

3. How many times did your officers detain someone using their powers under section 136 of the Mental Health Act between the date of 1/11/15 to 1/11/16 and where was the person detained?"

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. How many times did your officers detain someone using their powers under section 136 of the Mental Health Act between the date of 1/11/17 to 1/11/18 and where was the person detained?

The Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) detained 2 people at Whitehall and 1 person at HMNB Devonport.

2. How many times did your officers detain someone using their powers under section 136 of the Mental Health Act between the date of 1/11/16 to 1/11/17 and where was the person detained?

The MDP detained 2 people at Whitehall.

3. How many times did your officers detain someone using their powers under section 136 of the Mental Health Act between the date of 1/11/15 to 1/11/16 and where was the person detained?

No Information held

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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