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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: POLICE RELATED MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

I refer to your email dated 20 December 2018 which was acknowledged on the same date.

We are treating your email as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000).

In your email you requested the following information:

- “1. How many serving police officers have taken their own lives between 2003 and 2017 inclusive.**
- 2. How officers are currently off work sick as a result of PTSD?**
 - Less than six months**
 - Six to twelve months**
 - Twelve to eighteen months**
 - Eighteen months to two years**
 - Two years plus**
- 3. How many officers are currently off sick with stress or other mental health condition?**
 - Less than six months**
 - Six to twelve months**
 - Twelve to eighteen months**
 - Eighteen months to two years**
 - Two years plus**
- 4. How many police officer have been medically retired as a result of PTSD?**
- 5. How many police officers are currently applying for ill health retirement on the grounds of PTSD?”**

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 serving police officers have taken their own lives between 2003 and 2017 inclusive.

No information held. Although we record details of all officers who die in service, the cause of death is not recorded.

2. How officers are currently off work sick as a result of PTSD?

Less than six months

Six to twelve months

Twelve to eighteen months

Eighteen months to two years

Two years' plus

No Information held.

3. How many officers are currently off sick with stress or other mental health condition?

Less than six months

Six to twelve months

Twelve to eighteen months

Eighteen months to two years

Two years' plus

19 officers have been off sick with 'Anxiety, Depression, Stress' for less than 6 months.

2 officers have been off sick with 'Anxiety, Depression, Stress' for between 18 months and 2 years.

4. How many police officer have been medically retired as a result of PTSD?

No Information held.

5. How many police officers are currently applying for ill health retirement on the grounds of PTSD?

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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