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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: TRIAL AND CONVICTION OF MOD POLICE OFFICER.

I refer to your email dated 19 February 2019 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on 20 February 2019.

I am 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:

“Under the FOI act, can you please provide information of the MOD Police on the trial and conviction of an MOD Police Employee; in case MOD Police do not read newspapers a certain [REDACTED] (an MOD Police employee) has been found to be a paedophile rapist by a Court after a legal trial. I am particularly interested if public money was used to fund [REDACTED] legal defence and whether colleagues in the MOD Police provided support (in any way) to the convicted rapist or [REDACTED] family.”

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.

- **if public money was used to fund [REDACTED] legal defence**

No information held. No public money was used to fund the officers legal defence.

- **whether colleagues in the MOD Police provided support (in any way) to the convicted rapist or [REDACTED] family.”**

In line with standard arrangements for officers who are suspended, the officer received line management and welfare support from [REDACTED] station which would have included weekly phone calls and/or visits. This has ceased on [REDACTED] resignation and conviction.

Any care for the officers' family would be a matter for Devon and Cornwall as the force dealing with the offence.

The Ministry of Defence Police strongly condemns the actions of this officer, which fell far below the high standards of behaviour that the Force expects from its officers. As soon as the Force was made aware of the criminal investigation being conducted by Devon and Cornwall Police, the officer was suspended from duty. ■ has now resigned from the Force, but will still be the subject of Gross Misconduct proceedings. A Special Case Hearing will now be scheduled at the earliest possible opportunity.

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.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely

MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office