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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: DIGITAL FORENSICS AND CUSTODY SUITS.

We refer to your email dated 7 March 2019 to the Ministry of Defence Police 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. Do the Force have a Digital Forensics Lead or project if so, who is the lead?
- 2. Who is the Forces current Head of Custody?
- 3. What digital recording equipment and storage does the Force currently use?
- 4. What evidential platform do the Forces use?
- 5. When is the contract is up for renewal?
- 6. What are you paying for it annually?"

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. Do the Force have a Digital Forensics Lead or project if so, who is the lead?

No information held

2. Who is the Forces current Head of Custody?

No Information held. The Ministry of Defence Police have no police cells or custody suites within "designated" police stations; any persons detained in custody would be processed using the facilities of the local Home Office Force or Scottish Office.

3. What digital recording equipment and storage does the Force currently use?

Digital Audio CD's PACE Recorders (Triple Deck 9321P)

## 4. What evidential platform do the Forces use?

External Digital Forensics contractor.

## 5. When is the contract is up for renewal?

No contract is currently in place.

## 6. What are you paying for it annually?

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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