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Dear [REDACTED]

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

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

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:

“For 2018;

A) The number of individual police officers within your force to have reported mental health issues (including a breakdown of depression, anxiety, PTSD, stress...etc.)

B) The number of individual police officers within your force to have had one or more days sick leave as a result of mental health issues (including a breakdown of depression, anxiety, PTSD, stress...etc.)

C) The total number of days police officers have been absent because of sick days due to mental health issues (including a breakdown of depression, anxiety, PTSD, stress...etc.)

For 2017;

A) The number of individual police officers within your force to have reported mental health issues (including a breakdown of depression, anxiety, PTSD, stress...etc.)

B) The number of individual police officers within your force to have had one or more days sick leave as a result of mental health issues (including a breakdown of depression, anxiety, PTSD, stress...etc.)

C) The total number of days police officers have been absent because of sick days due to mental health issues (including a breakdown of depression, anxiety, PTSD, stress...etc.)

For 2016;

A) The number of individual police officers within your force to have reported mental health issues (including a breakdown of depression, anxiety, PTSD, stress...etc.)

B) The number of individual police officers within your force to have had one or more days sick leave as a result of mental health issues (including a breakdown of depression, anxiety, PTSD, stress...etc.)

C) The total number of days police officers have been absent because of sick days due to mental health issues (including a breakdown of depression, anxiety, PTSD, stress...etc.)”

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.

A) The number of individual police officers within your force to have reported mental health issues (including a breakdown of depression, anxiety, PTSD, stress...etc.)

We are unable to provide detail of how many officers have reported mental health issues – we can only provide how many have taken sickness as a result (at B, below)

B) The number of individual police officers within your force to have had one or more days sick leave as a result of mental health issues (including a breakdown of depression, anxiety, PTSD, stress...etc.)

Calendar Year	Number of MDP Officers
2016	85
2017	117
2018	152

Please note: These figures cover anxiety, depression and stress only as this is the way it is recorded.

C) The total number of days police officers have been absent because of sick days due to mental health issues (including a breakdown of depression, anxiety, PTSD, stress...etc.)

Calendar Year	Number of Calendar Days
2016	7,701
2017	8,765
2018	10,325

Please note: These figures cover anxiety, depression and stress only as this is the way it is recorded.

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

MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office