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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: EXPOSURE TO PAVA OR EQUIVALENT DURING TRAINING.

We refer to your email dated 15 April 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:

“I am doing research into Police Training and will be contacting all UK Police Forces to request the following:

- 1) Are student officers (recruits) routinely exposed to PAVA or equivalent during initial training?**
- 2) If Yes, are officers routinely exposed to PAVA or equivalent during refresher training?**
- 3) If exposed during refresher training, how often does this process get repeated?**
- 4) If the routine exposure to incapacitant sprays once formed part of your training procedures, but has since stopped, when did this practice stop?**
- 5) What was the rationale for the cessation of officers’ exposure to PAVA or equivalent during training?”**

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) Are student officers (recruits) routinely exposed to PAVA or equivalent during initial training?**

No

2) If Yes, are officers routinely exposed to PAVA or equivalent during refresher training?

N/A

3) If exposed during refresher training, how often does this process get repeated?

N/A

4) If the routine exposure to incapacitant sprays once formed part of your training procedures, but has since stopped, when did this practice stop?

N/A

5) What was the rationale for the cessation of officers' exposure to PAVA or equivalent during training?

N/A

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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