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

We refer to your email dated 10 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:

"1. How many officers took sick leave for depression, anxiety, stress or post-traumatic stress between April 2018 and March 2019. By this, I mean where any of the terms 'depression', 'anxiety' or 'stress' or 'post-traumatic stress' appear in the description of the officer's illness."

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.

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019, 134 officers were absent for one day or more with Anxiety, Depression and Stress.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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).

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Yours sincerely

**MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office**