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Dear [REDACTED]

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: OFFICERS MENTAL HEALTH.**

We refer to your email dated 9 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:

**“The number of police officers that have been absent for mental health reasons (for example, but not limited to, reasons including anxiety, depression, insomnia and post-traumatic stress) in (a) 2015, (b) 2016, (c) 2017, (d) 2018 and (e) 2019 to date.**

**The number of working days lost for mental health reasons (for example, but not limited to, reasons including anxiety, depression, insomnia and post-traumatic stress) in (a) 2015, (b) 2016, (c) 2017, (d) 2018 and (e) 2019 to date.”**

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.

**The number of police officers that have been absent for mental health reasons (for example, but not limited to, reasons including anxiety, depression, insomnia and post-traumatic stress) in (a) 2015, (b) 2016, (c) 2017, (d) 2018 and (e) 2019 to date.**

Year	Number of MDP officers absent due to anxiety, depression and stress.
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2015/2016	80
2016/2017	60
2017/2018	89
2019 (up to 28 February 2019)	110

**The number of working days lost for mental health reasons (for example, but not limited to, reasons including anxiety, depression, insomnia and post-traumatic stress) in (a) 2015, (b) 2016, (c) 2017, (d) 2018 and (e) 2019 to date.**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of Calendar Days lost</b>
2015/2016	10,111
2016/2017	6,157
2017/2018	9,040
2019 (up to 28 February 2019)	9,385

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**