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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: INCIDENTS OF SPITTING.

We refer to your email dated 13 August 2019 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on the 14 August 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:

"Please provide details regarding number of officers over the 6 month period from 2018 that have;

Been involved in an incident that has resulted in them being spat at / on? Or exposed to other bodily fluids (Blood, urine etc)? Number of officers recieving vaccinations against Hepatitis exposure? Number of officers who have recieved specific training in relation to BBV and risks?"

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 July to December 2018:

Been involved in an incident that has resulted in them being spat at / on?

2 spitting incidents

Or exposed to other bodily fluids (Blood, urine etc)?

4 x incidents of exposure to other bodily fluids

Number of officers recieving vaccinations against Hepatitis exposure?

The Ministry of Defence Police does not provide Hepatitis immunisation to officers in house. Officers are advised to attend their GP for immunisation against Hepatitis and Tetanus, in particular, and these costs are reclaimed from the force.

Number of officers who have recieved specific training in relation to BBV and risks?"

The Ministry of Defence Police currently does not provide officers with specific training in relation to BBV.

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