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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: CYBER CRIME.

We refer to your email dated 7 August 2019 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on the 8 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:

“Do you have a record of cyber crime that are committed within your force?”

What offences related to cyber crime are recordable offences and non recordable?

Are you able to provide a breakdown of the above offences showing the total number of offences recorded?

- **Those were the victim was under 16, 17/18 and over 18**
 - **What the conviction was including caution**
 - **Including the web platform if known such as facebook, instagram etc**
- Please can the data be provided for 2017, 2018 and 2019 to end of July.**
- **What support is there for parents of children after their child has been victim to cyber crime?**
 - **What advise is provided to victims of cyber crime?**
 - **What budget is allocated to cyber crime**
 - **What advise is given to the public for cyber crime awareness and privacy?**

- **Is your police force linked to any others to tackle, prevent cyber crime and promote children's safety online?**

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.

Do you have a record of cyber crime that are committed within your force?

Yes

What offences related to cyber crime are recordable offences and non recordable?

The Ministry of Defence Police only record such crime when it is committed directly against or within the Ministry of Defence.

Are you able to provide a breakdown of the above offences showing the total number of offences recorded? Please can the data be provided for 2017, 2018 and 2019 to end of July.

For the period specified in this request:

2017

- 1 x Protection of Children Act 1978 offence (Community Resolution)
- 1 x Criminal Justice Act 1988 offence. (Closed NFA, no suspect)
- 1 x Computer Misuse Act offence. (Ongoing)
- 2 x Malicious Communications (Both Community Resolution) (victim over 18)

2018

- 1 x Protection of Children Act 1978 offence (Community Resolution)
- 1 x Malicious Communication (Community Resolution) (victim over 18)

2019

- 1 x Protection of Children Act 1978 offence (Ongoing)
- 1 x Criminal Justice Act 1988 offence. (Ongoing)

• **Those where the victim was under 16, 17/18 and over 18**

In the Malicious Communications the victims were all over 18. The other offences are classed as "Crown" offences and therefore there is no "victim".

• **What the conviction was including caution**

See above results

• **Including the web platform if known such as facebook, instagram etc**

1 x Facebook and 2 x Snap chat.

- **What support is there for parents of children after their child has been victim to cyber crime?**

Parents of child victims of cyber crime directly linked to UK military personnel are generally cared for by the relevant Service Police organisation in accordance with agreed policies and processes. Other cases that occur on the Defence estate are generally referred to the local Home Office police force or Police Scotland. Where the Ministry of Defence Police are called to deal in these matters, the local force policies and procedures will be implemented until such time as the welfare for the family can be handed over to the relevant Home Office authority.

- **What advice is provided to victims of cyber crime?**

The Ministry of Defence Police work with the Ministry of Defence to prevent or disrupt such activity on the Defence estate.

- **What budget is allocated to cyber crime**

The Ministry of Defence Police have a Crime Command to prevent, disrupt and detect all serious crime targeted against the MOD. This includes cyber enabled crime. This is funded from within the overall Ministry of Defence Police budget.

- **What advice is given to the public for cyber crime awareness and privacy?**

The Ministry of Defence Police work with the Ministry of Defence to prevent or disrupt such activity on the Defence estate.

- **Is your police force linked to any others to tackle, prevent cyber crime and promote children's safety online?**

No. See above.

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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