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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: OUT OF COURT SETTLEMENTS.

We refer to your email dated 23 August 2019 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on the 27 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:

“Under the Freedom of Information Act, please provide the following details for each of the years 2016, 2017, 2018 and (up to the date of this request) 2019:

- 1. The number of civil actions against the force where settlements have been reached / the amount of money paid in each case.**
- 2. The number of threatened civil actions against the force where settlements have been reached / the amount of money paid in each case.**
- 3. A category description for each case above where settlements were reached (eg. misconduct).”**

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. The number of civil actions against the force where settlements have been reached / the amount of money paid in each case**

Calendar year of	1 Jan 2016-27 Aug 2019	2016	2017	2018	2019 (1 Jan – 27 Aug)

settlement					
Number of litigated claims settled	26	5	6	6	9
Total amount of damages paid on settled cases ¹	£491,668.01	£24,611.00	£100,804.87	£69,599.65	£296,652.49

¹The year the claim was settled is not necessarily the year the damages were paid.

2. The number of threatened civil actions against the force where settlements have been reached / the amount of money paid in each case.

Calendar year of settlement	1 Jan 2016-27 Aug 2019	2016	2017	2018	2019 (1 Jan – 27 Aug)
Number of pre-litigated claims settled	23	4	6	9	4
Total amount of damages paid on settled cases ¹	£195,600.28	£11,000.00	£37,309.28	£117,291.00	£30,000.00

¹The year the claim was settled is not necessarily the year the damages were paid.

3. A category description for each case above where settlements were reached (eg. misconduct).

Category of settled claim	Number
Slip/trip/fall	17
NIHL	9
Manual handling	6
Animal related injury	5
Other	12

The amount of damages has not been provided for each claim as individuals could identify themselves. This information is exempt under Section 40(2) in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 1998. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

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).

Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely

MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office