



# Ministry of Defence Police

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Dear [REDACTED]

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: FACEBOOK INCIDENTS.**

We refer to your email dated 6 November 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 incidents reported to your force over the last two financial years involving Facebook, broken down by year.**

**Could you also include police notes around the nature of the incident e.g. online grooming, harassment, fraud, theft etc. and any other relevant details.”**

A search for information has now been completed by the Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) and I can confirm that we do hold information in scope of your request.

2017 – Five incidents reported:

1. Report of an individual posting images of military equipment on Facebook.
2. Report of a video posted on Facebook page showing footage of MDP officers on duty.
3. Report of messages posted on Facebook in relation to a serving member of the British Army.
4. Report of a message posted on Facebook in relation to alleged inappropriate parking by MOD staff.
5. Report of a site security message that had been posted to a closed group on Facebook .

2018 – Five incidents reported:

1. Report of a pre-planned event outside a Defence establishment posted on Facebook.
2. Report from a serving soldier who had received a message via Facebook from a website that caused concern.
3. Report of potentially sensitive information about a Defence site that had been posted on Facebook.
4. Report of potentially suspicious posts on Facebook by an individual claiming to be at a Defence site.
5. Reports of pre-planned event relating to a Defence site posted on Facebook.

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**