



# Ministry of Defence Police

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Dear [REDACTED]

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

We refer to your email dated 27 January 2020 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:

**“A: Are all Ministry of Defence Police Officers when deployed with a lethal firearm regardless of location also deployed with a less lethal Taser as per ECHR / UN Guidelines / COP Role Profile?**

**B: If not why and which locations are officers deployed with only firearms?**

**C: Please provide a breakdown of all crimes recorded by yourselves in 2018/19 including offensive weapons.”**

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.

A: All Ministry of Defence Police officers are deployed in accordance with the College of Policing and National Police Chief Council agreed National Resource Standards. This mandates Authorised Firearms Officers are trained in TASER and deployed with a TASER CED 'readily available'. Readily available means the TASER 'is able to be used or obtained without delay or difficulty'.

B: Not Applicable see above.

C:

<b>OFFENCE TYPE</b>	<b>NUMBERS RECORDED</b>
Threats to Life	4
Assaults	20
Assaults on Police Officers	4
Child Sex Offences	1
Sexual Offences	3
Common Law Offences	1
Public Order Offences	6
Criminal Damage	61
Burglary	17
Fraud	15
Theft	223
Forgery	1
Drugs Offences	7
Traffic Offences (Scotland only)	3
Other Offences (Drones, Dogs, etc)	20

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**