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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: CCTV QUESTIONNAIRE.

Thank you for your email dated 11 May 2020 in which you submitted a Freedom of Information (FOI) Request to the Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) which took the form of a questionnaire about CCTV monitoring and general security services.

Firstly, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence (and by definition the MDP) does not accept FOI requests from other Public Authorities, but will respond to approaches made outside of the scope of the Freedom of Information Act.

I think it might also be useful to set out the role and the purpose of the MDP. The MDP is a statutory civilian police force providing specialist armed policing services at various Defence sites across the UK. You may find the MDP Policing Plan for 2019/20 informative in this regard:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/812544/MOD_Police_-_Policing_Plan_201920_Web_Copy.pdf

The questionnaire you have submitted asks for information in relation to general security, including CCTV, alarm monitoring and key holding. The MDP does not provide CCTV or CCTV monitoring services for any general public spaces. Any CCTV monitored by MDP officers is provided by the Defence establishment, or site, at which MDP officers are located. As well as monitoring CCTV – where this is available – the MDP provide policing and security services across the Defence estate, which would likely include alarm monitoring and key holding at some locations. However, detailed information about the manner in which such services are provided across the Defence estate is potentially sensitive and cannot be released for security reasons. As such it is not possible for us to provide a fuller response to your questionnaire.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office