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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: EXTREMIST INVESTIGATION.

We refer to your email dated 5 March 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:

“Under the 2000 Freedom of Information Act could you please tell me how many individuals have been investigated in your Police Force since 1st January 2015 on the grounds of extremist views, activities or associations?”

Please provide:

- i) Total number of investigations in each calendar year**
- ii) The character of views, activities or associations in each case, either in terms of broad ideology or specific organisation (e.g Neo-Nazi, Islamist, Animal Rights extremism, National Front, National Action, IRA, ISIS etc)**
- iii) Information on the nature of the allegation/offence in each case (e.g swastika tattoo pro-extremist statement, Nazi salute, membership of an organisation etc)**
- iv) The outcome of each investigation (e.g no further action, Court Martial, disciplinary measures, discharge)”**

As advised in our letter dated 31st March we have conducted and considered the Public Interest Test and on this occasion we have determined that the balance to disclose the information outweighs the need to withhold and therefore please see the information below.

Year	Views, activities or associations	Outcome
2018	Officer investigated for alleged links on social media to Britain First	Written Warning

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