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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: COVID 19 LOCKDOWN FINES/ARRESTS AND CHARGES.

We refer to your email dated 20 April 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:

“Could I please request the number of

- 1. fines**
- 2. arrests**
- 3. charges**

made by your police force in response to the Covid-19 lockdown and social distancing rules between March 23 and April 16 2020 - i.e., for people who were not following these rules.

If possible, could you please include within this information:

- 4. the amount of each individual fine, and the total amount fined**
- 5. the reason for each fine, arrest and charge**
- 6. the location for each fine, arrest and charge**
- 7. the date of each fine, arrest and charge**
- 8. any other relevant information pertaining to each fine, arrest and charge**
- 9. Could I also request the total number of calls made to your police force in this period regarding concerns about social distancing or self isolation rules.”**

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.

As at 27 April 2020:

1. **fines – 16**
2. **arrests – 1**
3. **charges – 0**
4. **the amount of each individual fine, and the total amount fined.**

Each fine is £60, this is reduced to £30 if paid within 14 days.
16 Fines have been issued at a possible total of £960.

5. **the reason for each fine, arrest and charge.**

All 16 fines were for Non-Essential Travel.

6. **the location for each fine, arrest and charge.**

Portsmouth, Devonport, Tidworth, Box, Harrogate, Lakenheath.

7. **the date of each fine, arrest and charge**

Fine 1 – 10/04/2020
Fine 2 – 10/04/2020
Fine 3 – 16/04/2020
Fine 4 – 16/04/2020
Fine 5 – 23/04/2020
Fine 6 – 23/04/2020
Fine 7 – 23/04/2020
Fine 8 – 23/04/2020
Fine 9 – 23/04/2020
Fine 10 – 23/04/2020
Fine 11 – 25/04/2020
Fine 12 – 25/04/2020
Fine 13 – 26/04/2020
Fine 14 – 26/04/2020
Fine 15 – 26/04/2020
Fine 16 - 26/04/2020
Arrest – 3/04/20

8. **any other relevant information pertaining to each fine, arrest and charge.**

No information held

9. **Could I also request the total number of calls made to your police force in this period regarding concerns about social distancing or self-isolation rules.**

Note: The arrest above was not made under the relevant Covid-19 Regulations/Act.

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