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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: KNEE PROTECTION CLAIMS.

We refer to your email dated 8 July 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 you please advised me on how many PCs in the last 5yrs have sustained knee injuries on duty?
How many have sued the force due to lack of knee protection?
How much have you paid out to each officer due to knee injuries?”**

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.

Could you please advised me on how many PCs in the last 5yrs have sustained knee injuries on duty?

Please note we are unable to distinguish the specific rank of the officer, as this has not been recorded and therefore the number reflected below includes all ranks within the MDP.

2016 – 14
2017 – 35
2018 – 32
2019 – 25

2020 – 3 as of 17 July 2020

How many have sued the force due to lack of knee protection?

Nil

How much have you paid out to each officer due to knee injuries?

In terms of individual amount paid out we are withholding the information under section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act – Personal Information, this is an absolute exemption so therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

However, we are able to give you a combined figure of £27,296.00 which has been paid in compensation within the last 5 years.

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