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Dear [REDACTED]

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: CHILD SEX OFFENCES FEMALE PERPETRATORS.**

We refer to your email dated 27 July 2020 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on the 28 July 2020.

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:

**“For each of the calendar years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 I would like data on the number of child sex offence crimes your force has recorded in which the alleged perpetrator is female.**

**Each data return should include the calendar year the offence took place, the gender of the victim, the age of the victim, the offence classification and indicate if the suspect was charged.**

**For guidance I would only like data on crimes which were not subsequently cancelled.**

**In terms of the offence classification which should be included I would like all child sex offences covered by the CPS’s ‘most commonly charged offences’ guide <https://www.cps.gov.uk/legal-guidance/rape-and-sexual-offences-chapter-2-sexual-offences-act-2003-principal-offences-and>**

**Including:**

- \*Rape of a child**
- \*Sexual assault of a child**
- \*Causing or inciting a child to engage in sexual activity**

- \*Sexual activity with a child**
- \*Incest or familial sexual offences**
- \*Causing a child to watch a sexual act**
- \*Engaging in sexual activity in the presence of a child**
- \*Meeting a child following sexual grooming**
- \*Arranging and facilitating a child sex offence**
- \*Possession of indecent images of children**
- \*Abuse of a position of trust (including victims aged 16 and 17)**
- \*Abuse of children through prostitution or pornography**
- \*Child sex offence committed by children or young persons.”**

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.

Nil

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**