



# Ministry of Defence Police

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Dear [REDACTED]

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: USE OF FIREARMS.**

We refer to your email dated 29 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:

- “Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, please could you provide me details of**
- 1. The number of times a firearm has been drawn by a police officer.**
  - 2. Of those occasions, which type of firearm was drawn, and**
  - 3. how many times a firearm was discharged by a police officer?**

**Please provide this information for the following years:**

**2015**

**2016**

**2017**

**2018**

**2019**

**To clarify, I mean instances where an officer has aimed his or her weapon at a subject.”**

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.

1. In line with the clarified terminology of drawn, 2 instances, 2017 (same incident involving 2 Officers aiming weapons)
2. Carbine
3. 2015-2019 - 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**