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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: FORENSIC SCIENCE.

We refer to your email dated 30 September 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 follow on information:

“Can you please indicate the number of cases per year where the following evidence types were used a) in-house (where the testing was done by police staff on police premises) or b) outsourced (where the testing was done by a forensic science provider or another external company or individual)?

Can you please provide this data for the past 5 years (2015 through to 2019)?

1. **DNA**
2. **Body fluids**
3. **Fingerprints**
4. **Marks and traces**
5. **Toxicology”**

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.

Year	Evidence Type	Outsourced
2015	1.	20

	2.	Nil
	3.	20
	4.	Nil
	5.	Nil
2016	1.	18
	2.	Nil
	3.	23
	4.	1
	5.	Nil
2017	1.	8
	2.	Nil
	3.	8
	4.	1
	5.	Nil
2018	1.	7
	2.	Nil
	3.	11
	4.	Nil
	5.	Nil
2019	1.	8
	2.	Nil
	3.	6
	4.	Nil
	5.	Nil

Please Note: The Ministry of Defence Police has no in-house testing capability.

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