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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: HONOUR BASED ABUSE

We refer to your email dated 17 August 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:

“As part of a nationwide project, we (HARM Network - Honour Abuse Research Matrix, the Domestic Abuse Research Network, Halo project and H.O.P.E are seeking information on honour-based abuse (HBA) or honour-based violence (HBV) and forced marriage cases across the UK.

Firstly, we would like to establish how many cases your constabulary has recorded specifically as ‘honour-based abuse’ (HBA) or ‘honour-based violence’ (HBV) and forced marriage during the two 12-month periods listed individually below?

- Year 2018
- Year 2019

Secondly, from 2015 to 2019, how many officers and frontline staff (including those who take reports from victims) in your constabulary have been trained in how to respond appropriately to HBA or HBV and forced marriage victims and perpetrators? Please indicate if they have been trained to make a distinction between domestic abuse and HBA or HBV.

Please state by year:

- Year 2015
- Year 2016
- Year 2017
- Year 2018
- Year 2019

Thirdly, through what methods have they been trained (please select from below) and please provide the frequency of this specialist HBA/HBV/FM training.

- Online
- Face-to-Face
- A mixture of both
- As part of another compulsory training session, if so, please state which training course.”

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.

How many cases your constabulary has recorded specifically as ‘honour-based abuse’ (HBA) or ‘honour-based violence’ (HBV) and forced marriage during the two 12-month periods listed individually below?

- Year 2018 - Nil
- Year 2019 – Nil

How many officers and frontline staff (including those who take reports from victims) in your constabulary have been trained in how to respond appropriately to HBA or HBV and forced marriage victims and perpetrators?

No information held.

Through what methods have they been trained (please select from below) and please provide the frequency of this specialist HBA/HBV/FM training.

No information held.

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