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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: STALKING AND HARRASSMENT CRIMES.

We refer to your letter received on the 9 November 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:

“Question 1

For all crimes that fall under the home office offence sub group of “stalking and harassment” between Feb 1 2020 and Nov 9 2020, inclusive of both dates, please provide the number of crimes that include the keywords “Facebook”, “Twitter”, “Instagram”, “Snapchat”, “Whatsapp” or “TikTok” in the modus operandi report. Please also provide the dates that each of these incidents took place. If you have a flag for online/cyber crimes, please tell me how many of these crimes were flagged as such.

For the most recent 100 crimes, please provide the contents of the modus operandi report.

Question 2

For all crimes that fall under the home office offence sub group of “stalking and harassment” between Feb 1 2020 and Nov 9 2020, inclusive of both dates, please provide the number of crimes that include the keywords “Tinder”, “Hinge”, “Grindr” or “Bumble” in the modus operandi report. Please also provide the dates that each of these incidents took place. If you have a flag for online/cyber crimes, please tell me how many of these crimes were flagged as such.

For the most recent 100 crimes, please provide the contents of the modus operandi report.”

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.

Question 1:

Nil – Stalking
1 – Harassment

Date comitted	Date reported	Offence	Modus Operandi	Keyword
01/01/20	25/03/20	Harassment of another	Since January 2020 the victim has been receiving threatening messages via instagram from an unknown person. The victim is receiving a constant stream of messages on a daily basis and when blocked the offender engages with a different username.	Instagram

Question 2:

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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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