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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE:DATA CONCERNING CRIMES INVOLVING ONLINE DATING SERVICES.

We refer to your email dated 8 December 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:

- “1. Between March 23 2020 and May 10 2020 inclusive, what was the total number of offences recorded involving the terms Tinder; Plenty of Fish; Ok Cupid; Hinge; Bumble; Grindr; match.com and eHarmony? Please provide a breakdown of the total number of offences for each keyword.**
- 2. For each recorded incident, please provide the following details: dating website/keyword linked to crime, offence description, victim age, victim gender and crime outcome where possible**
- 3. Between Nov 5 2020 and Dec 2 2020 inclusive, what was the total number of offences recorded involving the terms Tinder; Plenty of Fish; Ok Cupid; Hinge; Bumble; Grindr; match.com; eHarmony. As above, please also provide a breakdown of the total number of offences linked to each dating platform.**
- 4. For each recorded incident, please provide the following details: dating website/keyword linked to crime; offence description, victim age, victim gender, suspect age, suspect gender (where known) and crime outcome where possible**

5. For the same periods in 2017, 2018, 2019, please provide a total figure for each year for offences recorded involving the terms Tinder; Plenty of Fish; Ok Cupid; Hinge; Bumble; Grindr; match.com; eHarmony. Please breakdown by keyword/dating platform mentioned.”

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. Nil
2. Nil
3. Nil
4. Nil
5. 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).

Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely

MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office