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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: SEXUAL MISCONDUCT.

We refer to your email dated 11 January 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:

"I am looking for the number of reported incidences of sexual misconduct and sexual assault that have taken place in your region in the last 5 years, in a sports setting, where the victim is under the age of 18.

To summarise, the number of reports sexual misconduct and sexual assault:

- in your region
- accross the last 5 calendar years
- where the victim is under 18
- taken place in a sports setting (a sports hall, sports training session, match, coaching sessions, etc)
- This could be at the hands of a coach or an athlete, or simply anyone involved in the sports team/club. The perpetrator can be of any age.

I am ultimately looking to determine the prevalence of sexual crimes involving young people in a sports setting in the UK. I am contacting each police force individually for their figures. Calendar years from 01.01.2016 - 31.12.2020."

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.

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