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

We refer to your email dated 15 April 2021 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 would please like to know under the FOI act:

1, how many allegations of sexual misconduct were made in the calendar years 2018, 2019 and 2020 against police officers employed by your force

By sexual misconduct I mean sexual harassment, indecent exposure, gender-based stalking or online harassment, sexual assault, rape and anything else you would consider as sexual misconduct.

For each allegation, please tell me:

- 2, a description of the alleged behaviour
- 3, whether the person making the allegations was a member of the public or employed by the police*
- 4, whether the person making the allegations was male, female or non-binary*
- 5, whether the accused was male, female or non-binary*
- 6, the rank of the accused*
- 7, whether the accused was charged
- 8, whether the accused was convicted
- 9, the outcome of any professional misconduct investigation

* Please only include if it does not take the request over the cost threshold or reveal identifying personal information

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 | Summary - Description | Public or by MDP | Gender of complainant | Gender accused | Charged Yes / No | Convicted Yes / No | Outcome of misconduct |
|------|---|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2019 | Allegations of sending inappropriate text message | MDP | Female | Male | No | N/A | No action |
| 2020 | Inappropriate sexual text and verbal conversations | MDP | Female | Male | No | No | Final Written Warning |
| 2020 | * | * | * | * | * | * | Ongoing |
| 2020 | * | * | * | * | * | * | Ongoing |
| 2020 | * | * | * | * | * | * | Ongoing |
| 2020 | Sexual harrasment | Public | Female | Female | No | No | Local resolution |

Cases marked as * have had any information removed as these proceedings are currently ongoing. The personal information of the officer has been protected under Section 40(2) of the FOI Act whilst proceedings are live and yet to reach a formal outcome.

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