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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: RAPE INVESTIGATIONS.

We refer to your email dated 18 April 2021 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on 19 April 2021.

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 writing to request the following information under the 2000 Freedom of Information Act. This information relates to allegations made against officers or members of staff within your force, and disciplinary action taken against them, for failing to uphold professional standards when conducting rape investigations.

1a) How many allegations against officers or members of staff within your force have been made for:

- i) failing to record a victim's allegation of rape on the Police system**
- ii) failing to "adequately" investigate the allegation of rape, or conduct "sufficient" investigations into the allegation**
- iii) failing to take appropriate action to safeguard the alleged victim from future harm from the alleged perpetrator**

in the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and from the beginning of 2021 to the present day? Please could you provide this information broken down by calendar year. Please note: for guidance on terms such as "adequately" and "sufficient", I refer to definitions outlined in your force's Standards of Professional Behaviour relating to rape allegations; investigating rape allegations and safeguarding victims of rape, and any appropriate code of conduct.

2a) How many officers or members of staff within your force have been disciplined AND/OR dismissed for:

- i) failing to record a victim's allegation of rape on the Police system**

- ii) failing to "adequately" investigate the allegation of rape, or "conduct sufficient investigations" into the allegation**
- iii) failing to take appropriate action to safeguard the alleged victim from future harm from the alleged perpetrator?**

in the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and from the beginning of 2021 to the present day? Please could you provide this information broken down by calendar year and by whether the action taken was disciplinary or dismissal.

2b) For each disciplinary AND/OR dismissal, please could you provide any further details of the actions that led to the officer/staff member's disciplinary AND/OR dismissal, and details of the nature of the disciplinary action e.g. final written warning.

Please can I have the above information in the form of a spreadsheet or similar data table. If you feel that a substantive response to this request is not possible within a reasonable time frame, or the request is too broad or vague, I would be grateful if you could contact me by email or telephone on 07595410565 and provide assistance as to how I could refine the request.

Please can I also get confirmation that you have received this request for 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.

This is a Nil, the Ministry of Defence Police have no complaints recorded in relation to failing to record, failing to investigate a rape or taking appropriate action to safeguard the alleged victim.

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