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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: BLEEP TEST.

We refer to your email dated 31 January 2021 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on the 1 February 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:

“Can you tell the level that an officer needs to attain on the bleep test or equivalent so that they can be issued Pava operationally.”

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.

All Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) officers are required to pass an annual fitness test as a condition of service. The majority of MDP officers are deployed as Authorised Firearms Officers and are required to reach the fitness standard applicable to their role (i.e. Level 7.6 or 5.7 on the Multi Stage Fitness Test – depending on individual conditions of service) and to complete Personal Safety Training (which includes training in the use of Pava) before they are operationally deployed. By exception, and subject to individual risk assessments, officers who are temporarily unable to reach the required fitness standard are permitted to undertake Personal Safety Training before they are deployed in non-firearms roles.

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