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Dear

## <u>FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: CONVERSION THERAPY.</u>

We refer to your email dated 4 February 2021 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on the 5 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:

"Gay 'conversion therapy' is an attempt to use medical, psychological and social methods to 'convert' someone away from their innate sexual orientation against their will. This has included the use of barbaric aversive treatments like electroshocks or even 'corrective' rape.

Accordingly, I wish to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.

Please provide me with the number of people a) detained by your force and b) arrested in each of the calendar years from 2010 up to and including 2020 for using 1) electroshocks or 2) corrective rape on a victim because they were/are gay."

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.

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.

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