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Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: OFFENCES UNDER THE COMMUNICATION ACT.

We refer to your email dated 9 February 2021 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on the 10 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:

This FOI relates to Section 127 (1) and 127 (2) of the Communications Act, which can be found here: <u>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2003/21/section/127</u>

1. How many people have been *arrested* under suspicion of an offence under Section 127 *(1)* of the Communications Act 2003? Please provide the figures for: (a) 2018, (b) 2019, (c) 2020.

2. How many people have been *convicted* of an offence under Section 127 *(1)* of the Communications Act 2003? Please provide the figures for: (a) 2018, (b) 2019, (c) 2020.

3. How many people have been *arrested* under suspicion of an offence under Section 127 *(2)* of the Communications Act 2003? Please provide the figures for: (a) 2018, (b) 2019, (c) 2020.

4. How many people have been *convicted* of an offence under Section 127 (2) of the Communications Act 2003? Please provide the figures for: (a) 2018, (b) 2019, (c) 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.

1. How many people have been *arrested* under suspicion of an offence under Section 127 *(1)* of the Communications Act 2003? Please provide the figures for: (a) 2018, (b) 2019, (c) 2020.

Nil

2. How many people have been *convicted* of an offence under Section 127 (1) of the Communications Act 2003? Please provide the figures for: (a) 2018, (b) 2019, (c) 2020.

Nil

3. How many people have been *arrested* under suspicion of an offence under Section 127 *(2)* of the Communications Act 2003? Please provide the figures for: (a) 2018, (b) 2019, (c) 2020.

Nil

4. How many people have been *convicted* of an offence under Section 127 (2) of the Communications Act 2003? Please provide the figures for: (a) 2018, (b) 2019, (c) 2020.

Nil

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely

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