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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: DATING SITE OFFENCES.

We refer to your email dated 25 February 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:

Please can I request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act? Please also note I am asking for the information to be broken down by calendar year.

1. How many offences has your force recorded where the key term “Grindr” has been use? (ie where the term Grindr has been mentioned in the MO field of a crime report)? 2016? 2017? 2018? 2019? 2020?
2. How many offences has your force recorded where the key term “Tinder” has been use? (ie where the term Tinder has been mentioned in the MO field of a crime report)? 2016? 2017? 2018? 2019? 2020?
3. How many offences has your force recorded where the key term “Bumble” has been use? (ie where the term Tinder has been mentioned in the MO field of a crime report)?
2016? 2017? 2018? 2019? 2020?
4. How many offences has your force recorded where the key term “Hinge” has been use? (ie where the term Tinder has been mentioned in the MO field of a crime report)?

2016? 2017? 2018? 2019? 2020?

5. How many offences has your force recorded where the key term “dating app” has been use? (ie where the term dating app has been mentioned in the MO field of a crime report)? In 2015? 2016? 2017? 2018?

When providing the numbers, please can you specify the nature of the crime (eg. sexual assault) and whether it resulted in a charge (y/n). Please treat each year as a calendar year from Jan-Dec.”

A search for information has now been completed by the Ministry of Defence Police and I can confirm the following responses:

Nil in respect of all questions.

The Ministry of Defence Police is a civilian police force funded by the Ministry of Defence to protect and secure key MOD assets.

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.

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Yours sincerely

MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office