



# Ministry of Defence Police

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Dear [REDACTED]

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE:  
WHATSAPP.**

We refer to your email dated 16 March 2021 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on 17 March 2021.

In your email you requested the following information:

**“1a) How many officers or members of staff within your force have been:**

- i) disciplined as a result of posts shared on WhatsApp**
- ii) dismissed as a result of posts shared on WhatsApp**

**in the calendar years 2019-20, 2020-2021 and from the beginning of 2021 to the present day? Please could you provide this information broken down by calendar year.**

**1b) For each dismissal, please could you provide details of the actions that led to the officer/staff member’s dismissal**

**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 and provide assistance as to how I could refine the request.”**

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).

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Yours sincerely

**MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office**