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Dear [REDACTED]

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

We refer to your email dated 26 March 2021 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on 29 March 2021.

We are treating your email as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000).

In your emails you requested the following information:

**As part of our company strategy we are looking to increase the company's market share in the UK Police sector. I kindly request the following information in accordance with the freedom of information Act 2000, with regard to your forces purchases of body armour. This information will enable VestGuard UK Ltd to ensure its research and development team are focussed on solutions that would best serve the UK Police forces while providing our bid managers with useful information to ensure our bids for future Police tenders are competitive.**

QUESTIONS	REPSONSES
Who is/are your current supplier/s	
When does the contract end	
How long was the contract term	
When will the new procurement process start	
What is the current level of protection	
What is the current unit price per vest	
What was the total value of the contract award	
How many units of body armour have been purchased during the contract term	

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.

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The above information is exempt from release under Section 21 (reasonably accessible by other means) of the FOIA. This is because the information has previously been published and can be found in the links below:

[CALL OFF YPO FRAMEWORK 550 - Provision of Body Armour for the MDP - Contracts Finder](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/home-office-body-armor-standard-2017#history)  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/home-office-body-armor-standard-2017#history>

<b>QUESTIONS</b>	<b>REPSONSES</b>
<b>When will the new procurement process start</b>	Already underway
<b>How many units of body armour have been purchased during the contract term</b>	Approximately 3000

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**

