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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: SEXUAL MISCONDUCT.

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

In your email you requested the following information:

“I am seeking the total number of complaints of rape, sexual assault or other forms of sexual misconduct against police officers* and police staff*. I seek this in two categories which I would like to be separated in the response:

- a) where the complainant is also a member of the police service, and**
- b) where the complainant is a member of the public.**

Please provide figures for the past five years if possible, whether calendar or financial years [whichever way they are collated]. Please include the most recent figures available for the past 12 months, even if it is not complete.

[*For the avoidance of doubt, I request complaints made against officers, PCSOs, special constables, police staff and contractors to the force - either as direct employees or through employment agencies]

For each case please state if possible:

- The gender and rank or grade of the officer or staff member**
- The nature of the alleged offence and any context if possible [whether it be harassing emails, sending inappropriate text messages, rape, indecent assault, indecent images etc].**
- The location where the alleged offence took place – i.e custody suite, police station etc**
- Whether the alleged misconduct took place on or off duty**

- **The outcome of each investigation i.e. charges [please state where convicted and provide name of the officer if possible], suspension, whether referred to the IPCC, dismissed, suspended, resigned, transferred etc**

In the case of a) where the complainant is a member of the police service, please state their gender and rank or grade [insofar as this is possible given identification issues]

In the case of b) where the complainant is a member of the public, please state whether the complainant was a victim of crime, witness to crime, or other category”

A search for information has now been completed by the Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) and I can confirm that we do hold information in scope of your request.

Please see the attached information. Please note, there were no complaints made against civilian staff and the MDP does not employ PCSO's.

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

Year	Rank and gender of subject of complaint	Nature of complaint	On/Off duty	Outcome	Complainant(s)
2015	Police Constable - Male	Improper conduct	On duty	Officer resigned from the Force.	Member of the public
2017	Police Sergeant - Male	Inappropriate comments	On duty	Officer issued with Final Written Warning	Female police officer
2019	Police Sergeant - Male	Sending inappropriate and unwanted text message	On duty and off duty	No case to answer. No further action	Female member of civilian staff
2020	Police Constable - Male	Inappropriate and unwanted text message and verbal conversations	On duty	Officer issued with Final Written Warning	Female police officer
2020	*				
2020	*				
2020	*				
2020	Police Constable - Female	Unwanted contact	On and off duty	Local resolution agreed with complainant	Member of the public
2021	*				

Cases marked as * have had any information removed as these proceedings are currently ongoing. Given the specific nature of the category of misconduct, the personal information of the officer has been protected under Section 40(2) of the FOI Act whilst proceedings are live and yet to reach a formal outcome.