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Dear [REDACTED]

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE:
FOOTBALL RELATED CRIME/MALICIOUS COMMUNICATIONS ONLINE.**

We refer to your email dated 1 April 2021 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on 6 April 2021.

In your email you requested the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I would like to request the following information from you:

- **How many reports have you received of football-related hate crime and/or malicious communications online since 1 January 2021? For the avoidance of doubt, I am looking for reports of abuse levelled at a footballer.**
- **How many active investigations do you have into football-related hate crime/malicious communications online as of today, 1st April 2021? For the avoidance of doubt, I am looking for investigations being carried out by your police force into, for example, abuse levelled at a footballer.**
- **How many arrests have been made by your police force in relation to football related hate crime/malicious communications online in the last 3 years (broken down by year: 2019, 2020 and so far in 2021)?**

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