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

We refer to your email dated 6 April 2021 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on 7 April 2021.

In your email you requested the following information:

**I am sending this request under the Freedom of Information Act to ask for the following information:**

- 1. How many police officers have had allegations of sexual misconduct and/or sexual assault made against them by the general public and within their own forces in each of the following financial years:**
  - a. 2016-17
  - b. 2017-18
  - c. 2018-19
  - d. 2019-20
  - e. 2020-21
  
- 2. Of these allegations how many of these cases have led to misconduct hearings or misconduct disciplinarys in each of the following financial years?**
  - a. 2016-17
  - b. 2017-18
  - c. 2018-19
  - d. 2019-20
  - e. 2020-21
  
- 3. How many of these officers were dismissed in the misconduct hearings/disciplinarys with regards to the allegations in the following financial years?**
  - a. 2016-17

- b. 2017-18
  - c. 2018-19
  - d. 2019-20
  - e. 2020-21
4. How many of these officers were reprimanded but were not dismissed in the financial years?
- a. 2016-17
  - b. 2017-18
  - c. 2018-19
  - d. 2019-20
  - e. 2020-21
5. Were any of these cases progressed to the criminal court and if so how many in the financial years:
- a. 2016-17
  - b. 2017-18
  - c. 2018-19
  - d. 2019-20
  - e. 2020-21
6. How many misconduct/disciplinary hearings involving officers accused of sexual misconduct and/or sexual assault were subject to reporting restrictions in the financial years:
- a. 2016-17
  - b. 2017-18
  - c. 2018-19
  - d. 2019-20
  - e. 2020-21
7. What is your policy on reporting restrictions for misconduct/disciplinary hearings for your officers who are accused of sexual misconduct and/or sexual assault?
8. What is your policy for victims discussing misconduct hearings when a case is been heard Are victims prohibited from speaking about misconduct trials to other parties after the hearing is concluded including when the officer is dismissed/suspended from their roles?

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.

1. How many police officers have had allegations of sexual misconduct and/or sexual assault made against them by the general public and within their own forces in each of the following financial years: (Note: We have taken this to mean complaints made against police officers by the public or colleagues).
- a. 2016-17 - 1
  - b. 2017-18 - 0
  - c. 2018-19 - 0
  - d. 2019-20 - 2
  - e. 2020-21 – 5 (4 cases ongoing)

2. Of these allegations how many of these cases have led to misconduct hearings or misconduct disciplinarys in each of the following financial years?
  - a. 2016-17 - 1
  - b. 2017-18 - 0
  - c. 2018-19 - 0
  - d. 2019-20 - 1
  - e. 2020-21 - 0
  
3. How many of these officers were dismissed in the misconduct hearings/disciplinarys with regards to the allegations in the following financial years?
  - a. 2016-17 - 0
  - b. 2017-18 - 0
  - c. 2018-19 - 0
  - d. 2019-20 - 0
  - e. 2020-21 - 0
  
4. How many of these officers were reprimanded but were not dismissed in the financial years? (Note: In respect of reprimanded this has been taken to mean final written warning/written warning).
  - a. 2016-17 - 1
  - b. 2017-18 - 0
  - c. 2018-19 - 0
  - d. 2019-20 - 1
  - e. 2020-21 - 0
  
5. Were any of these cases progressed to the criminal court and if so how many in the financial years:
  - a. 2016-17 - 0
  - b. 2017-18 - 0
  - c. 2018-19 - 0
  - d. 2019-20 - 0
  - e. 2020-21 - 0
  
6. How many misconduct/disciplinary hearings involving officers accused of sexual misconduct and/or sexual assault were subject to reporting restrictions in the financial years:
  - a. 2016-17 - 0
  - b. 2017-18 - 0
  - c. 2018-19 - 0
  - d. 2019-20 - 0
  - e. 2020-21 - 0
  
7. What is your policy on reporting restrictions for misconduct/disciplinary hearings for your officers who are accused of sexual misconduct and/or sexual assault?

No information held. The conduct regulations allow for interested parties to attend misconduct hearings and outcomes are published on the Gov website.

8. What is your policy for victims discussing misconduct hearings when a case is been heard Are victims prohibited from speaking about misconduct trials to other parties after the hearing is concluded including when the officer is dismissed/suspended from their roles?

No information held.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely

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