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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: DRINK SPIKING.

We refer to your email dated 22 April 2021 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on the same date.

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

In your email you requested the following information:

How many incidents of drink-spiking were recorded by your force in 2020? Please search for this data by means of keyword searches of MO codes, using the terms 'spike', 'spiking', 'drink-spike', 'drink spiked', 'spiked drink', while checking to make sure that they don't refer to some other context (e.g. 'a spiked fence' or 'spiked hair').

Finally, can you please attach the first five MO codes from January 2019 for drink spiking-related offences? I accept redactions may need to be made to remove personal inform...

The part I've highlighted yellow above was a typo. I meant to ask for **the first five MO** codes from January 2020.

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.

The Ministry of Defence Police have one incident recorded referring to a drink being spiked, recorded in 2020. A second incident recorded 16 February 2019 where the subject believed his drink had been spiked. We do not have recorded MO codes for these incidents.

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

MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office