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Dear [REDACTED]

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

We refer to your email dated 23 May 2021 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on 24 May 2021.

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

In your original request referenced 04454 you requested the following information:

**This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act of 2000. I would like to request the following information:**

- 1. How many police officers have been reported for drug offences for each year 2016-20?**
- 2. How many police officers have been dismissed for drug offences for each year 2016-20?**
- 3. How many police officers have been arrested for drug offences for each year 2016-20? As an extra - if possible within compliance limits - Can you provide any details of the outcome of that arrest?**
- 4. Can you provide any details that you have in place to ensure an impartial response when police officers are reported for drug offences**

In your email of 23 May you requested the following:

**Just a quick follow up to this - I would like to put the questions to you again clarifying that by "reported for drug offences", I mean any record that exists on your files (accessible within compliance limits) detailing intelligence of a police officer having taken an illegal drug. It does not have to be a formal report/summons/caution.**

**In addition, again only if possible within compliance limits, I would love to ask the same questions again but generally for any members of police staff. If possible I would like to keep the answers to this separate - i.e. so there would be 8 lots of answers in total.**

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 further request.

There are no instances of drug related disciplinary offences recorded against non-uniformed staff during the period 2016-2020. For the same period in respect of police officers there is one anonymous report of an officer taking drugs in 2020.

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**