



# Ministry of Defence Police

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Dear [REDACTED]

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE:  
RETIREMENT AGE/LENGTH OF SERVICE.**

We refer to your email dated 7 May 2021 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on 8 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 email you requested the following information:

- 1. Please tell me the average retirement age of Ministry of Defence Police Officers.  
1a. If it is possible to break down this figure by rank, please do so.**
- 2. Please tell the average length of service of a Ministry Of Defence Police Officer on retirement.  
2a. If it is possible to break down this figure by rank please do so.**
- 3. Please tell me the average length of service of all Ministry of Defence Police Officers who are currently serving.**

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. Please tell me the average retirement age of Ministry of Defence Police Officers.  
1a. If it is possible to break down this figure by rank, please do so.**

The average retirement age of Ministry of Defence Police officers in the 20/21 financial year was 58.

The average retirement age by rank is as follows (for ranks that show officers retiring in the 20/21 financial year)

RANK	AVERAGE AGE
Constable	58
Sergeant	57
Inspector	60
Chief Inspector	58
Chief Superintendent	56

**2. Please tell the average length of service of a Ministry Of Defence Police Officer on retirement.**

**2a. If it is possible to break down this figure by rank please do so.**

The average length of service of Ministry of Defence Police officers retiring in the 20/21 financial year was 28 years.

The average length of service of officers retiring by rank is as follows (for ranks that show officers retiring in the 20/21 financial year):

RANK	AVERAGE LENGTH OF SERVICE
Constable	27
Sergeant	30
Inspector	29
Chief Inspector	34
Chief Superintendent	34

**3. Please tell me the average length of service of all Ministry of Defence Police Officers who are currently serving.**

The average length of service of all Ministry of Defence Officers who are currently serving as of 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 is 12 years.

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**