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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: COMMUNICATIONS ACT 2003.

We refer to your email dated 8 June 2021 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on 9 June 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:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information. Please may you provide the annual count for your Constabulary of arrests, charges, number of assailants released on bail or released without charge under Section 127 of the Communications Act 2003 from its introduction in 2003 to date. I am only seeking data relating to online or text-based communication, specifically malicious social media communications via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, WhatsApp, email, and text.

I request a breakdown of the gender of the complainants in aggregated form i.e. 50 complainants are men, 76 are women. I do not require any data that could identify a living person.

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.

| Annual count of arrests, charges. | Gender of Complainants – Male (M) and Female (F) |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 2005 - 1 | F |
| 2006 - 3 | F x 2 M x 1 |
| 2007 - 3 | F x 3 |
| 2008 - 4 | F x 4 |
| 2009 - 5 | F x 4 M x 1 |

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|------------|---------------------------------------|
| 2010 - 9 | F x 4 M x 5 |
| 2011 - 6 | F x 3 M x 2 1 x gender not identified |
| 2012 - 5 | F x 3 M x 1 1 x gender not identified |
| 2013 - Nil | - |
| 2014 - 3 | F x 3 |
| 2015 - 1 | M x 1 |
| 2016 - 1 | F x 1 |
| 2017 - 1 | F x 1 |
| 2018 - Nil | - |
| 2019 - Nil | - |
| 2020 - Nil | - |
| 2021 - 1 | F x 1 |

Note: Data in respect of release on bail or without charge is not held centrally on the crime recording database.

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).

Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely

MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office