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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: CONVICTIONS.

We refer to your email dated 12 June 2021 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on the 15 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 - this is a refined request:

Thank you for your advice on refining my request. I have also now realised that information relating to Q1 is available online, so I am now omitting that too. Please respond to the refined request below, omitting Q1 and Q3d:

2. a. How many of your Police Officers (Detective or Constable, including Specials) have criminal convictions?

- 2. b. How many of your PCSOs have criminal convictions?
- 2. c. How many of your other Police staff have criminal convictions?
- 3. For each conviction, please provide the following information:
- a. The person's role and/or rank
- b. The offence
- c. Whether the person received a custodial sentence (suspended or otherwise)

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. Please note that the Ministry of Defence Police does not employ PCSOs.

2. a. How many of your Police Officers (Detective or Constable, including Specials) have criminal convictions?

See table below.

2. c. How many of your other Police staff have criminal convictions?

None. However in order for such a conviction to appear in the Ministry of Defence Human Resource Management System (HRMS), it would require the individual concerned to inform their line manager that they had been charged with an offence and for the line manager to take appropriate action. The discipline recording functionality within HRMS was only rolled out across the Ministry of Defence in 2008, so data in scope prior to that would not be captured. Any criminal conviction incurred by an individual prior to joining the Ministry of Defence would be disclosed at the vetting stage of recruitment.

3. For each conviction, please provide the following information:

- a. The person's role and/or rank
- b. The offence
- c. Whether the person received a custodial sentence (suspended or otherwise)

| Year of conviction | Rank | Offence | Custodial sentence |
|--------------------|------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 2018 | PC | Traffic - Speeding | No |
| 2018 | PC | Traffic - Speeding | No |
| 2018 | PC | Criminal Damage | No |
| 2016 | PC | Traffic - Speeding | No |
| 2015 | PC | Traffic - Speeding | No |
| 2014 | PC | Traffic - Speeding | No |
| 2013 | PC | Breach of the Peace | No |

Data is available from 2013.

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