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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: CHILD CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION.

We refer to your email dated 8 July 2021 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on 12 July 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:

Question 1)

- a) How many instances of child criminal exploitation* were detected in the years 17/18, 18/19, 19/20, 20/21**
- b) Please provide the number of victims involved and the nature of the crimes as recorded by the police e.g. county lines etc**
- c) Please provide the number of these victims who had been or were currently 'Looked after Children'* or on a child protection plan*.**

Question 2)

- a) How many instances of child sexual exploitation were detected in the years 17/18, 18/19, 19/20, 20/21**
- b) Please provide the number of these victims who had been or were currently 'Looked after Children' or on a child protection plan**

Question 3)

- a) How many arrests and cautions of children carrying knives were made in the years?
17/18, 18/19, 19/20, 20/21**
- b) Please provide the number of arrests there were of children who had been or were currently 'Looked after Children' or on a child protection plan.**

Question 4)

a) How many arrests have there been of children aged 10-17 which have led to a referral to the National Referral Mechanism* in the years?

17/18, 18/19, 19/20, 20/21

b) Please provide the number of arrests and referrals to the NRM of children who had been or were currently 'Looked after Children' or on a child protection plan.

A search for information has now been completed by the Ministry of Defence Police and I can confirm a Nil response to each of the questions above.

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

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