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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: MUSIC EVENTS.

We refer to your email dated 19 October 2021 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on 19 October 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. The total number of unlicensed music events (or 'raves', 'squat raves' or 'free parties') which were reported in your force's region/remit between 31 December 2018 to present (or as recently as the data is available).

2. The total number of such events which officers actually responded to between 31 December 2018 to present (or as recently as the data is available).

3. The total number of arrests made and charges or fines given to attendees or organisers of such events in your force's region/remit between 31 December 2018 to present (or as recently as the data is available).

4. The total amount of money required to be spent by your force on policing such events between 31 December 2018 to present (or as recently as the data is available).

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.

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For Q1, 2 and 3:

Year	Numbers of events/attendance	Number of Arrests
2019	1	0
2020	3	1
2021	0	0

4. The total amount of money required to be spent by your force on policing such events between 31 December 2018 to present (or as recently as the data is available).

No information held.

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