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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: ICO AUDIT.

We refer to your email dated 30 September 2021 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on 4 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. Please could you identify how many persons have been exited from the Force between October the 1st 2015 and October the 1st 2021 as a result of failing firearms or Police recruit training? Of these people, please could you identify how many were female and how many were male?**
- 2. Please could you identify how many persons between the same date range have failed their initial firearms course or recruits training on the first attempt and then been placed on a Development plan or other measures (recourse) in order to improve. In the same Manner please could these be distinguished by male and female and across the same date range as above. If a 5 year timeline is not available please could I look to the maximum period where figures are 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.

Note: Data is held from 2018

REASON FOR EXIT	MALE	FEMALE
Exited from Force – failed Firearms course	4	0
Exited from Force – failed Police Recruit Training	2	0
Failed their initial Firearms course and then placed on a	18	0

Development Plan & re-coursed		
Failed their initial Recruits training and then placed on a Development Plan & re-coursed	1	2

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