



# Ministry of Defence Police

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Dear [REDACTED]

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: WHATSAPP.**

We refer to your email dated 4 October 2021 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on 5 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:

**For the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and available information for 2021, I would like to be provided with the following information:**

**1) Please indicate the number of police officers that were disciplined for their conduct on WhatsApp and/or other social media sites.**

**(a) For each disciplined police officer, please describe briefly what happened.**

**(b) If the police officer was writing offensive messages/posts, please disclose copies of these messages/posts.**

**(c) If the police officer was sharing offensive posts, please disclose copies of these posts.**

**2) Please indicate the number of police officers that were dismissed for their conduct on WhatsApp and/or other social media sites.**

**(a) For each dismissed police officer, please describe briefly what happened.**

**(b) If the police officer was writing offensive messages/posts, please disclose copies of these messages/posts.**

**(c) If the police officer was sharing offensive posts, please disclose copies of these posts.**

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.

YEAR	PLATFORM	NATURE OF INCIDENT	OUTCOME
2018	Facebook	Sending unwanted messages to ex partner	Management Action
2018	Snapchat	Images uploaded whilst on duty	Final Written Warning
2019	Facebook	Inappropriate comments posted whilst off duty	Management Action
2019	Linkedin	Referenced their role and security environment	Management Action
2019	Instagram	Images uploaded in uniform	Officer resigned
2019	Kik/WhatsApp	Images uploaded and shared	Officer dismissed
2020	Facebook	Inappropriate comments posted	Case ongoing
2021	Facebook	Inappropriate image uploaded	Case ongoing

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**