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Dear [REDACTED]

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE:
NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR DOG TRAINING.**

We refer to your email dated 31 August 2021 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on 6 September 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 provide information on how each of your three training centres was assessed.

For the year 2020/21:

2. Please provide the total budget for each training centre.

3. Please specify the total amount paid in salaries in respect of each training centre.

4. Please provide a breakdown of all staff working at each centre to show what they do and how many of them there are (include the full-time equivalent figures).

5. Please provide details of all categories of expenditure at each centre exceeding £5,000.

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.

1. Please provide information on how each of your three training centres was assessed.

Application for Police Dog School Accreditation is open to civilian police forces within the UK that operate to National Police Chief Council standards.

This assessment included:

- The assessment of all course provision paperwork including schemes of work, lesson plans and learning materials.
- The assessment of all training venues including classrooms and technology as well as external venues.
- The assessment of all health and safety risk assessments and PPE for all disciplines of dog training.
- The assessment of all storage facilities required for training samples to meet legislation requirements.
- The assessment of all trainers experience, qualifications including teaching, assessing first aid and risk assessment.
- The assessment of numbers of qualified staff members to meet the force training needs.
- The review of all data collection (recording) sources and how records are maintained / retained.
- The review of kennel facilities provided by the force and ancillary equipment.
- The assessment of all training vehicles within the force fleet for dog training purposes.
- The assessment of the training and development of current staff as well as for development of dog handlers within the force to attain the qualifications to progress within the Dog Branch to trainer status.
- The assessment of all student accommodation provision at each training centre location.
- The review of all external bodies within partnership working with MDP Dog Branch.

For the year 2020/21:

2. Please provide the total budget for each training centre.

There is no specific budget for each training centre, these costs sit within the overall training centre budget.

3. Please specify the total amount paid in salaries in respect of each training centre.

See above.

4. Please provide a breakdown of all staff working at each centre to show what they do and how many of them there are (include the full-time equivalent figures).

Each Accredited centre has a minimum of three full time training staff available to work at the centre.

All dog training capability is provided by the staff and involves both General Purpose Police Dog and a range of specialist dog capability. The centres provide the training of new instructional staff within the force and support the wider policing community.

5. Please provide details of all categories of expenditure at each centre exceeding £5,000.

No information held.

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