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Dear [REDACTED]

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: SEXUAL MISCONDUCT CLAIMS.**

We refer to your email dated 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

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) How many sexual misconduct claims have been made against members of your police force over the last four years (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 so far), with a breakdown for each year. By sexual misconduct, I mean: Rape, Sexual assault, Sexual harassment or Sexual misconduct.**

**Please also break this down by claims made against a) police officers and b) police staff**

**Please say whether the complaint was made by a) member of the public b) police officer/ member of staff**

**I would also be grateful if you could indicate the seniority of the staff member. For example if a police officer, are they a sergeant/ chief inspector/ superintendent**

**2) Of the complaints per year, how many were made against a) men and how many against b) women. Please break this down by year and also by claims made against a) police officers and b) police staff**

**3) What outcome/decisions were taken as a result of each these complaints/claims. Please break this down by year and by outcome for a) police officer and b) police staff**

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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Police Officers:

2019 – 2 complaints against police officers, 1 made by a member of the public, 1 no information held

2020 – 3 complaints against police officers – 2 made by members of the public, 1 was made by another force

2021 – 7 complaints against police officers – 3 made by members of the public, 3 made by police officers and 1 was made by another force

Police Staff:

2018 – 0

2019 – 0

2020 – 0

2021 – 2 – 2 complaints made by members of the public

**I would also be grateful if you could indicate the seniority of the staff member. For example if a police officer, are they a sergeant/ chief inspector/ superintendent**

I have applied Section 40 (Personal Information) of the Freedom of Information Act in order to exempt the personal information and identity of those individuals in scope of the above.

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Against men: All of the above

Against women: Nil

Against police officers/police staff: See above.

**3) What outcome/decisions were taken as a result of each these complaints/claims. Please break this down by year and by outcome for a) police officer and b) police staff**

Police Officers:

2019 – 2 – Dismissed

2020 – 3 – 1 x Ongoing, 2 x No further action

2021 – 7 – 6 x Ongoing, 1 x No further action

Police Staff:

2021 – 2 – 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).

Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely

**MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office**