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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: POLICE OFFICERS AFFECTED BY MENTAL HEALTH.

We refer to your email dated 15th February 2022 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on 16th February 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:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 on the number of police officers within your force affected by mental health issues, and the number of working days lost due to mental health-related sick days.

Please would you send me;

For 2019;

- A. The number of individual police officers within your force to have reported mental health issues (including a breakdown of depression, anxiety, PTSD, stress...etc.)**
- B. The number of individual police officers within your force to have had one or more days sick leave because of mental health issues (including a breakdown of depression, anxiety, PTSD, stress...etc.)**

C. The total number of days police officers have been absent because of sick days due to mental health issues (including a breakdown of depression, anxiety, PTSD, stress...etc.)

For 2020;

- A. The number of individual police officers within your force to have reported mental health issues (including a breakdown of depression, anxiety, PTSD, stress...etc.)**
- B. The number of individual police officers within your force to have had one or more days sick leave because of mental health issues (including a breakdown of depression, anxiety, PTSD, stress...etc.)**
- C. The total number of days police officers have been absent because of sick days due to mental health issues (including a breakdown of depression, anxiety, PTSD, stress...etc.)**

For 2021;

- A. The number of individual police officers within your force to have reported mental health issues (including a breakdown of depression, anxiety, PTSD, stress...etc.)**
- B. The number of individual police officers within your force to have had one or more days sick leave as a result of mental health issues (including a breakdown of depression, anxiety, PTSD, stress...etc.)**
- C. The total number of days police officers have been absent because of sick days due to mental health issues (including a breakdown of depression, anxiety, PTSD, stress...etc.)**

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.

- A. The number of individual police officers within your force to have reported mental health issues (including a breakdown of depression, anxiety, PTSD, stress...etc.)**

No information held

- B. The number of individual police officers within your force to have had one or more days sick leave as a result of mental health issues (including a breakdown of depression, anxiety, PTSD, stress...etc.)**
- C. The total number of days police officers have been absent because of sick days due to mental health issues (including a breakdown of depression, anxiety, PTSD, stress...etc.)**

MOD Police can only categorise absence of this nature into the single group of: 'Anxiety, Depression and Stress', there is no lower level of granularity recorded. On that basis, totals are as follows for the three calendar years requested.

Calendar Year	Number of Police Officers Absent	Anxiety, Depression and Stress Related Absence (Calendar Days)
2019	127	9,687
2020	108	8,571
2021	110	7,844

The data shown is for Uniformed Police Officers only.

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