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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: POLICE COMPLAINTS.

We refer to your email dated 22nd February 2022 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on 22nd 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 have had some requests for clarification from some other forces regarding my FOI below for data on police complaints, so I am sending this to all to be clear on what I am asking for.

I understand you may need to re-start the 20 day limit from now, that's fine. If you could confirm in your response that you have noted these clarifications, I would really appreciate it.

Essentially the purpose of my FOI is to find out for each officer complained about, how many separate complaints each of those officers received.

In all questions, by 'complaint' I am referring to separate complaint cases, not each individual allegation within a case.

I am not asking for any of the data broken down yearly, just the total numbers for the period.

By police officer I mean any police officer, PCSO, voluntary special constable or detention officer that has contact with the public. I understand some of these are technically staff roles but they are all in uniform and have contact with the public.

As per my follow up email below, to reiterate, please ignore where I said in Q3 that "multiplying column 1 by column 2 should add up to the total number of complaints in Q1" - I have realised that is incorrect because some complaints have multiple officers attached.

If you need to leave out any questions for cost limit, Q1 on the total number of complaints is the least important and can be omitted.

By 'where the identity of the officer was known' I mean I am interested only in complaints that were linked to a specific officer, as I know sometimes members of the public complain but don't identify the officer. If the identity was at first unknown but the force later identified the officer, please do include these complaints in the data. Please do not include those complaints where the officer was never identified.

A search for information has now been completed by the Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) and we can confirm that we do hold information in scope of your request.

1, The number of complaints your force received from members of the public against officers employed by your force, from 1 Jan 2011 to 31 Dec 2020, where the identity of the officer was known

454

2, The number of officers employed by your force who were complained about by members of the public, from 1 Jan 2011 to 31 Dec 2020, where the identity of the officer was known

333

3, Please state how many officers received each number of complaints detailed in the first column of the table below (the second column should add up to the total number of officers complained about in Q2, and multiplying column 1 by column 2 should add up to the total number of complaints in Q1). Please avoid any grouping such as '1 to 5 complaints', '6 to 10 complaints' etc.

Number of complaints	Number of officers to receive this many complaints
1	260
2	42
3	20
4	5
5	3
6	1
7	1
8	
9	
10	
11	
12	
13	
14	1

15	
16	
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etc (please go up to the maximum number of complaints an officer received)	

4, For each of the officers* who received 10 or more complaints:

a) are they still employed by your force? (please just say 'yes' or 'no')

No

b) are they currently under investigation for any of the complaints they received (please say 'yes' or 'no')

No

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