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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: THE NUMBER OF CASES WHERE EVIDENCE WAS SOUGHT FROM GAMES CONSOLES...

We refer to your email dated 23rd December 2021 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on 4th 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:

Please may you provide me with the following information for 2020:

- 1. The total number of cases handled by your Force in 2020.
- 2. The number of cases (cyber enabled and cyber dependant) where evidence was sought from game consoles.
- 3. The types of game console (PlayStation, Xbox, Wii, Switch, DS) involved in these cases

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12 of the Act, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request. If you can identify any ways that my request could be refined, I would be grateful for any further advice and assistance.

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.

Please may you provide me with the following information for 2020:

1. The total number of cases handled by your Force in 2020.

400 Cases

2. The number of cases (cyber enabled and cyber dependant) where evidence was sought from game consoles.

0 Cases

3. The types of game console (PlayStation, Xbox, Wii, Switch, DS) involved in these cases

0 Cases

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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