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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: STRIP SEARCHES OF UNDER 18.

We refer to your email dated 19th April 2022 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on 21st April 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 could you provide the following information regarding strip searches (sometimes logged as further searches) or under 18s.

How many strip searches/further searches of under 18s were performed by officers in the following financial years:

1 April 2021 - 31 March 2022

1 April 2020 - 31 March 2021

1 April 2019 - 31 March 2020

1 April 2018 - 31 March 2019

1 April 2017 - 31 March 2018

Please provide a breakdown for each year by gender

Please provide a breakdown for each year by ethnicity

For each year - how many of the under 18s were handcuffed during the process

For each year - how many of those searches were released by police without charge

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.

0 Strip Searches have be conducted by MOD Police from 1st April 2017 – 31st March 2022.

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).

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Yours sincerely

MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office