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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: USE OF VOLUNTARY EARLY EXIT SCHEME.

We refer to your email dated 30 November 2021 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on 1 December 2021.

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 trying to establish the extent of the use of the Voluntary Early Release Scheme within MDP. I would be grateful of you would provide me with the following information:

For the three years to January 2021, how may police officers have left MDP under the Voluntary Early Release Scheme? Can this please be shown by rank and gender?

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.

1 male officer with the rank of Chief Inspector

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).

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Yours sincerely

MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office