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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: TRAINING ON ILLEGAL DRUGS.

We refer to your email dated 30th March 2022 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on 30th March 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 researching the type and level of training on illegal drugs delivered to both new recruits and serving officers.

I am interested in the curriculum and the materials used.

Could you please assist me in this?

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.

The Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) does not routinely get involved in the enforcement of drug possession & offending. As a result of this MDP do not deliver the same level of training as the home office forces.

MDP recruits are educated on misuse of drugs act & associated search powers. Which can be found in the link below.

[Misuse of Drugs Act 1971](#)

When there is an update in legislation we deliver the appropriate training to our existing officers to ensure they are aware of the necessary updates in the legislation.

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