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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: REGULATION 13 NOTICES INVOLVING PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS.

We refer to your email dated 23rd June 2022 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on 27th June 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:

This FOI relates to data involving protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010. A link to those nine defined characteristics is below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/home-office/about/equality-and-diversity#equality-objectives>

The nine protected characteristics as defined by the act are:

- **age**
- **disability**
- **gender reassignment**
- **marriage and civil partnership**
- **pregnancy and maternity**
- **race**
- **religion or belief**
- **sex**
- **sexual orientation**

QUESTIONS

- 1. In each of the years 2017,2018,2019,2020, and 2021:**

- a. How many Regulation 13 notices were issued within the force?
- b. Of those, how many of the recipients had protected characteristics (as defined by the Equality Act 2010)?
- c. Of all regulation 13 notices issued – how many cases were referred to the IOPC?

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.

Some information for question 1b is being withheld under Section 40(2) (Personal Information) of the Freedom of Information Act as this information relates to personal data, the release of which would cause damage or distress to the individual data subjects.

Year	NO of Reg 13	Protected Characteristic	Amount
2017	43	Age	43
		Referred to IPOC	2
2018	62	Age	62
		Referred to IPOC	2
2019	53	Age	53
		Referred to IPOC	4
2020	67	Age	67
		Referred to IPOC	5
2021	46	Age	46
		Referred to IPOC	2

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Yours sincerely

MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office

