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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: .

We refer to your email dated 8th September 2022 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on 8th September 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 trying to ascertain the chances of promotion to chief inspector and superintendent over the past couple of years with MDP.

Can you provide the following information:

- 1. A breakdown of the current MPD strength by rank (Full Time Equivalent).**
- 2. Details of any inspector to chief inspector promotion processes held since 2018 to date. Could this include details of when the process was held, the number of applicants (internal and external candidates), the number selected in each process (internal and external candidates). Of those internal candidates - the number who had been in HQ posts at the time of the process - and a breakdown of whether they were successful or unsuccessful in the process.**
- 3. Details of any chief inspector to superintendent promotion processes held since 2020 to date. A further breakdown as at 2 above please.**

- 4. Whether there are any plans to hold a promotion process for chief inspector or superintendent in the future. If so, how many places are likely to be available for promotion for each rank?**

A search for information has now been completed and I can confirm that we do hold information in scope of your request.

- 1. A breakdown of the current MPD strength by rank (Full Time Equivalent).**

Chief Constable - 1
Deputy Chief Constable – 0
Assistant Chief Constable – 1
Chief Superintendent – 3
Superintendent – 12
Chief Inspector – 28
Inspector – 76
Sergeant – 334
Constable – 2160

- 2. Details of any inspector to chief inspector promotion processes held since 2018 to date. Could this include details of when the process was held, the number of applicants (internal and external candidates), the number selected in each process (internal and external candidates). Of those internal candidates - the number who had been in HQ posts at the time of the process - and a breakdown of whether they were successful or unsuccessful in the process.**

June 2021
5 applications - 4 internal, 1 external
3 successful - 2 internal, 1 external
HQ post information unavailable

March 2022
15 applications - 13 internal, 2 external
3 successful - 2 internal, 1 external
HQ post information unavailable

- 3. Details of any chief inspector to superintendent promotion processes held since 2020 to date. A further breakdown as at 2 above please.**

January 2022
16 applications - 12 internal, 4 external
2 successful - both internal
HQ post information unavailable

- 4. Whether there are any plans to hold a promotion process for chief inspector or superintendent in the future. If so, how many places are likely to be available for promotion for each rank?**

No information held.

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Yours sincerely

MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office