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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: COMPENSATION AND CONDUCT.

We refer to your email dated 16th September 2022 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on the 20th 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:

Please could you provide the following information broken down by calendar years 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 (or the latest available data):

- 1. a) the number of cases where your police force has paid an out of court settlement or paid compensation to individuals
- 1. b) the nature of the cases where compensation or settlement has been paid. For example, this could mean 'wrongful arrest', 'loss of property', 'excessive force or assault' etc.
- 1. c) the sum the force has paid in damages or to settle these complaints

If possible, please could you provide a breakdown for each year by the age of the complainant.

- 2. a) the total number of allegations of misconduct or gross misconduct made against officers in your force
- 2. b) the number of officers who have retired from your force while there is an active allegation of misconduct or gross misconduct against them

2. c) the number of officers in your force who have resigned before misconduct, gross misconduct or other disciplinary proceedings have completed

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

1. a) the number of cases where your police force has paid an out of court settlement or paid compensation to individuals

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2019 = 1

2020 = 0

2021 = 1

2022 = 0
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1. b) the nature of the cases where compensation or settlement has been paid. For example, this could mean 'wrongful arrest', 'loss of property', 'excessive force or assault' etc.

Due to the low number of cases this information is being withheld under Section 40 – Personal Information of the Freedom of Information Act.

1. c) the sum the force has paid in damages or to settle these complaints

Due to the low number of cases this information is being withheld under Section 40(2) – Personal Information of the Freedom of Information Act.

If possible, please could you provide a breakdown for each year by the age of the complainant.

Information not held.

2. a) the total number of allegations of misconduct or gross misconduct made against officers in your force

Total: 104
2019: 23
2020: 32
2021: 24
2022: 25

3. b) the number of officers who have retired from your force while there is an active allegation of misconduct or gross misconduct against them

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2. c) the number of officers in your force who have resigned before misconduct, gross misconduct or other disciplinary proceedings have completed

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2019 = 6

2020 = 2

2021 = 3
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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