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Dear [REDACTED]

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE:
RECRUITMENT OF CHIEF AND ASSISTANT CHIEF FIREARMS INSTRUCTORS.**

We refer to your email dated 20th 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:

1. Relating to the post of Chief Firearms Instructor, please provide data relating to each year between 2017 and 2022: -

a. How many posts were there at any one time (please include vacant posts). If the number of posts changed over time, please give a range for each year.

b. Regarding recruitment to this post

- Please state how many vacant posts became available in each year
- How many candidates were interviewed and
- how many were successful.

c. Regarding the rank of this post, please state

- What, if any, rank is required to hold this post
- If this post does not demand a specific rank, please state the lowest and highest rank of officers who held this post in each year between 2017 and 2022.

2. Relating to the post of Assistant Chief Firearms Instructor, please provide data relating to each year between 2017 and 2022: -

a. **How many posts were there at any one time (please include vacant posts). If the number of posts changed over time, please give a range for each year.**

b. **Regarding recruitment to this post**

- **Please state how many vacant posts became available in each year**
- **How many candidates were interviewed and**
- **how many were successful.**

c. **Regarding the rank of this post, please state**

- **What, if any, rank is required to hold this post**
- **If this post does not demand a specific rank, please state the lowest and highest rank of officers who held this post in each year**

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

1. Relating to the post of Chief Firearms Instructor, please provide data relating to each year between 2017 and 2022: -

a. **How many posts were there at any one time (please include vacant posts). If the number of posts changed over time, please give a range for each year.**

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b. **Regarding recruitment to this post**

- **Please state how many vacant posts became available in each year**

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- **How many candidates were interviewed and**

There have been no vacancies advertised for this post as it is a specialist and direct appointment – The appointment is made by the MDP armed policing lead in line with national protocols

- **How many were successful.**

No information held.

c. **Regarding the rank of this post, please state**

- **What, if any, rank is required to hold this post**

Chief Inspector (or Temporarily promoted)

- **If this post does not demand a specific rank, please state the lowest and highest rank of officers who held this post in each year between 2017 and 2002.**

No information held.

2. Relating to the post of Assistant Chief Firearms Instructor, please provide data relating to each year between 2017 and 2022: -

a. How many posts were there at any one time (please include vacant posts). If the number of posts changed over time, please give a range for each year.

2017 – 0
2018 – 0
2019 – 2
2020 – 2
2021 – 2
2022 – 2

b. Regarding recruitment to this post

- Please state how many vacant posts became available in each year

2017 – 0
2018 – 0
2019 – 2
2020 – 0
2021 – 0
2022 – 1

- How many candidates were interviewed and

2017 – 0
2018 – 0
2019 – 3
2020 – 0
2021 – 0
2022 – 2

- How many were successful.

2017 – 0
2018 – 0
2019 – 2
2020 – 0
2021 – 0
2022 – 1

c. Regarding the rank of this post, please state

- What, if any, rank is required to hold this post

Inspector or Temporarily promoted

- If this post does not demand a specific rank, please state the lowest and highest rank of officers who held this post in each year

No information held

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