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Dear [REDACTED]

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: TRAINING ON TRAUMA AND ITS IMPACTS.**

We refer to your email dated 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 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) What, if any, training on trauma and its impacts is provided to newly recruited police officers and police staff?**
- 2) At which stage during training is training on trauma and its impacts provided to newly recruited police officers and police staff?**
- 3) What, if any, training, guidance, or counselling is offered to newly recruited police officers and police staff on a) understanding, and b) mitigating the impacts of any trauma that they may have received before joining the Police.**

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

- 1) What, if any, training on trauma and its impacts is provided to newly recruited police officers and police staff?**

All new entrants to the force are trained in D13.1 (enhanced first aid) which deals with blunt and ballistic trauma.

**2) At which stage during training is training on trauma and its impacts provided to newly recruited police officers and police staff?**

D13 is delivered as part of the 8 week Advanced Firearms Officer (AFO) course. For recruits this would be after their first 10 weeks of service.

**3) What, if any, training, guidance, or counselling is offered to newly recruited police officers and police staff on a) understanding, and b) mitigating the impacts of any trauma that they may have received before joining the Police.**

The Trainers delivering the Recruit Programme offer pastoral care for all recruits on a constant basis. They hold weekly tutorials and query any students that may have been impacted by practical's that can sometimes trigger traumatic events that have happened to them prior to them joining the Ministry of Defence Police. Any student that needs more assistance are assisted through the Occupational Health process. A constant message and ethos at the Training Centre is for students to reach out to their Trainers or another member of staff if they want to talk about sensitive issues so we can assist them

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Yours sincerely

**MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office**