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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: MENTAL HEALTH SICKNESS ABSENCE.

We refer to your email dated 10th November 2022 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on the 10th November 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 would like to know the number of days taken off by police officers reporting sickness absence with a reason of anxiety, stress, depression or other psychiatric illness.

I would like this information for each of the last three calendar years as follows: 2020, 2021 and 2022

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

Breakdown of sickness absence attributed to Anxiety, depression, stress by calendar days and years for Ministry of Defence Police Officers only is as follows:

Calendar Year	Calendar Days Lost
2020	8,571
2021	9,532
2022 (until 31 Oct)	9,838

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).

Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely

MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office