



# Ministry of Defence Police

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Dear [REDACTED]

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE:  
WHATSAPP AND SOCIAL MEDIA MISCONDUCT.**

We refer to your email dated 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on the 15<sup>th</sup> 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:

- 1) The number of police officers that have been investigated for their conduct in text messages, on WhatsApp and/or other social media sites in the calendar years of 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and available information for 2022.**
- 2) For each recorded case can you provide details of the incidents that led to formal and informal sanctions, and the outcome of that action please.**

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

- 1) The number of police officers that have been investigated for their conduct in text messages, on WhatsApp and/or other social media sites in the calendar years of 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and available information for 2022.**

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

**2) For each recorded case can you provide details of the incidents that led to formal and informal sanctions, and the outcome of that action please.**

Social Media	Text messages	Mangement Action
Social Media	Snapchat	Final Written Warning
Social Media	Facebook	Mangement Action
Social Media	Instagram	Officer Resigned
Discrimination	Facebook	Ongoing
Social Media	Facebook	Final Written Warning
Social Media	Tik Tok	Officer Resigned

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**