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Dear [REDACTED]

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: OFFICERS
SUBJECT TO RAPE/SEXUAL ASSULT COMPLAINTS.**

We refer to your email dated 23rd November 2022 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on the 23rd 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:

Under freedom of information legislation, I am seeking the following information:

- **The number of police officers within your force who have been subject to a complaint of rape or sexual assault between 2016 and 2021 and were serving at the time the complaint was made.**

In respect of each complaint, please answer the following questions:

- **In what calendar year was the complaint lodged?**
- **What rank was the officer in question?**
- **Was the complaint dealt with by local resolution?**
- **If so, was management action taken as a result?**
- **Did the complaint result in a misconduct meeting?**
- **If so, what was the outcome? For example, was the officer found to have committed misconduct or gross misconduct?**
- **Was the officer dismissed as a result of the complaint?**
- **Has the officer resigned or retired since the complaint was made?**
- **Did the complaint result in a criminal investigation?**
- **If so, was the officer subsequently a) arrested and b) charged?**

A search for information has now been completed and I can confirm that we do hold information in scope of your request. However, some information relating to your request is being withheld under section 40 – Personal Information of the Freedom of Information act.

The number of police officers within your force who have been subject to a complaint of rape or sexual assault between 2016 and 2021 and were serving at the time the complaint was made.

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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).

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