



# Ministry of Defence Police

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Dear [REDACTED],

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: AMOUNT OF RECORDED INCIDENTS AND CRIMES.**

We refer to your email dated 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023 to the Ministry of Defence Police, which was acknowledged on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023.

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:

**Could you please provide answers to the questions below for the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 —**

### **DATA QUESTIONS**

**1a. How many incidents were recorded, each year?**

**1b. How many of these incidents were tagged as involving mental health, each year?**

**2a. How many crimes were recorded, each year?**

**2b. How many of these crimes were tagged as involving an element of mental health, each year?**

### **CLARIFICATION QUESTION**

**3a. If possible, please let us know what is included in the term (or meant by the term) 'incidents'?**

**3b. Does 'incidents' include both crimes and non-crimes?**

A search for information has now been completed by the Ministry of Defence Police and I can confirm we do hold information in scope of your request.

Due to a system change we cannot search further back than August 2021.

**Could you please provide answers to the questions below for the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 —**

## **DATA QUESTIONS**

### **1a. How many incidents were recorded, each year?**

Due to a system change we cannot search further back than August 2021.

August 2021 – December 2021 = 23,563 incidents

2022 = 55,244 incidents

### **1b. How many of these incidents were tagged as involving mental health, each year/**

Due to a system change we cannot search further back than August 2021.

August 2021 – December 2021 = 79 Mental Health Incidents

2022 = 158 Mental Health Incidents

### **2a. How many crimes were recorded, each year?**

2017 = 529

2018 = 427

2019 = 463

2020 = 451

2021 = 429

2022 = 458

### **2b. How many of these crimes were tagged as involving an element of mental health, each year?**

2017- 2023 = None

## **CLARIFICATION QUESTION**

### **3a. If possible, please let us know what is included in the term (or meant by the term) 'incidents'?**

An incident is defined as "A single distinct event or occurrence which disturbs an individual's, group's, or community's quality of life or causes them concern."

### **3b. Does 'incidents' include both crimes and non-crimes?**

Yes

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Yours sincerely

**MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office**