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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: COERCIVE CONTROL AMONGST YOUNG PEOPLE.

We refer to your email dated 16th February 2023 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on the 20th February 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:

1. **The number of coercive control offences recorded by your police force where the alleged victim was in the following age ranges:**
 - a. 11-15
 - b. 16-24

Please provide breakdown by year – 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, with year starting in April, ending in March the following year. For 2023, please provide figures to date.

2. **The number of coercive control offences recorded by your police force where the alleged suspect was in the following age ranges:**
 - a. 11-15
 - b. 16-24

Please provide breakdown by year – 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, with year starting in April, ending in March the following year. For 2023, please provide figures to date.

3. Of these offences from q2, please provide a breakdown of outcomes (charged, cautioned, no further action etc) for the following years - 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, with year starting in April, ending in March the following year. For 2023, please provide figures to date.

4. The Home Office “Domestic Abuse -Statutory Guidance” July 2022 (p23), states:

“In responding to cases of abuse involving those under 18, child safeguarding procedures should be followed.”

Of cases of coercive control where both the victim and perpetrator are under 18:

a. how many referrals were made by the police to children’s social services or a multi-agency forum? Please provide a breakdown for the following years - 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, with year starting in April, ending in March the following year. For 2023, please provide figures to date.

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 coercive control offences recorded by your police force where the alleged victim was in the following age ranges:

a. 11-15

b. 16-24

Total – 0

2. The number of coercive control offences recorded by your police force where the alleged suspect was in the following age ranges:

a. 11-15

b. 16-24

Total – 0

3. Of these offences from q2, please provide a breakdown of outcomes (charged, cautioned, no further action etc) for the following years - 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, with year starting in April, ending in March the following year. For 2023, please provide figures to date.

No information held.

4. How many referrals were made by the police to children’s social services or a multi-agency forum? Please provide a breakdown for the following years - 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, with year starting in April, ending in March the following year. For 2023, please provide figures to date.

Total – 0

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Yours sincerely

MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office