



# Ministry of Defence Police

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Our Ref: eCase: FOI 2023/04308

RFI: 098/23

Date: 28 April 2023

Dear [REDACTED]

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE:  
UNAUTHORISED PHOTOS – CRIME SCENE.**

We refer to your email dated 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on the 30<sup>th</sup> March 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) From 2015 to the day this request is processed, please state how many police officers have taken unauthorised photos of crime scenes.**

**In each case, please disclose the following:**

- Please provide a description as to what happened, and please state the year that the unauthorised photo/photos were taken.**
- Please state whether the police officer shared the unauthorised photo/photos of crime scenes with other police officers/members of staff.**
- Please state whether the police officer received disciplinary action. Please describe the disciplinary action.**

**(2) From 2015 to the day this request is processed, please state how many police officers have taken unauthorised photos of victims of crime.**

**In each case, please disclose the following:**

- Please provide a description as to what happened, and please state the year that the unauthorised photo/photos were taken.**

- Please state whether the police officer shared the unauthorised photo/photos of victims of crime with other police officers/members of staff.
- Please state whether the police officer received disciplinary action. Please describe the disciplinary action.
- Please state the (i) the gender (ii) the ethnicity of the victim/s of crime in the unauthorised photo/photos.

**(3) From 2015 to the day this request is processed, please state how many police officers have taken unauthorised photos of people held in police custody suites.**

**In each case, please disclose the following:**

- Please provide a description as to what happened, and please state the year that the unauthorised photo/photos were taken.
- Please state whether the police officer shared the unauthorised photos of people held in police custody suites with other police officers/members of staff.
- Please state whether the police officer received disciplinary action. Please describe the disciplinary action.
- Please state the (i) the gender (ii) the ethnicity of the person held in a police custody suite in the unauthorised photo/photos.

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

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

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Yours sincerely

**MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office**