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Dear [REDACTED]

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: POLICE STATISTICS ON SPIKING.**

We refer to your email dated 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023 to the Ministry of Defence which was acknowledged on the 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023 by The Ministry of Defence Police.

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:

**Q1) For the previous 5 calendar years please provide the total numbers of spiking incidents reported, plus any figures available on such reports for 2023 (specifying period). Please search for this data by means of keyword searches of MO codes, using the terms 'spike', 'spiking', 'spiked', and crimes alleged under the following Home Office codes:-**

- 005/10 Administering poison so as to endanger life
- 005/24 Use of noxious substances or things to cause harm and intimidate
- 008/02 Administering poison with intent to injure or annoy
- 088/05 Administering a substance with intent

Please could you provide this data broken down by year.

- a) 2018
- b) 2019
- c) 2020
- d) 2021
- e) 2022
- f) 2023 - latest available data

**Q2) For the reported crimes above, please state the number of cases referred to the CPS for a charging decision, and the number of convictions.**

Please could you provide this data broken down by year.

- a) 2018
- b) 2019
- c) 2020
- d) 2021
- e) 2022
- f) 2023 (including latest available data)

**Q3) For each year please provide number of cases where a sample from the alleged victim was sent for forensic testing Please could you provide this data broken down by year.**

- a) 2018
- b) 2019
- c) 2020
- d) 2021
- e) 2022
- f) 2023 (including latest available data)

**Q4) Finally can you please attach MO codes from Jan 1st 2023 for spiking-related offences? I accept redactions may need to be made to remove personal information.**

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

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No information held. MO codes are not used by the Ministry of Defence Police.

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**