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Dear [REDACTED]

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE:
OFFICERS/STAFF WITH PENDING COURT EXPERIENCE.**

We refer to your email dated 4th May 2023 to the Ministry of Defence which was acknowledged on the 4th May 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:

1. As of the 30th of April, 2023, please answer the following:

How many officers and staff within your force have pending criminal court appearances?*

How many of those officers and staff that have pending criminal court appearances have NOT been charged with any sexual offence eg Seven officers have pending court appearances, and 6 of them are not for sexual offending?

Please also disclose the following:

For each of the officers and staff who have a pending court appearance

Please confirm if your press office put a press release before the officer's or staff members' first appearance at the magistrate's court. eg nine officers have court appearances, seven press releases were sent to the media*

Please also disclose the following.

Between 1st January 2022 up to and including the 31st December 2022

How many officers and staff from your force in total have had criminal court appearances e.g. ten officers and staff had a criminal court appearance**

*** A press release for the purposes of this request can also be taken to mean also information placed on the force website.**

**** A criminal court appearance should be taken to mean the person was a defendant**

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.

1. As of the 30th of April, 2023, please answer the following:

How many officers and staff within your force have pending criminal court appearances?

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How many of those officers and staff that have pending criminal court appearances have NOT been charged with any sexual offence?

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Please also disclose the following:

For each of the officers and staff who have a pending court appearance

Please confirm if your press office put a press release before the officer's or staff members' first appearance at the magistrate's court. eg nine officers have court appearances, seven press releases were sent to the media*

The press office do not issue a press release prior to first appearance at Majistrates Court.

Please also disclose the following.

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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