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E-mail: <u>MDP-FOI-DP@mod.gov.uk</u> Our Ref: eCase: FOI 2023/06018 RFI: 137/23 Date: 12th June 2023

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: DETAILS OF MURDER IN 2022/2023.

We refer to your email dated 12th May 2023 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on the 15th 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:

- Please provide a list of murders which have occurred within the past one whole year - from 12 May 2022 to 12 May 2023, with the following details:

- The name and date of birth of the deceased (or age)

- The nearest Town or City where the incident happened

- A brief circumstance of the murder/MO (The victim was stabbed to death/The victim received gunshot wounds). If the cause of death is unknown, please provide a brief circumstance of how the deceased may have been found.

(!) If the investigation is ongoing with no suspect identified, or you feel that providing the circumstances may jeopardise the investigation, please highlight this next to each entry.

Please can you provide this in the format of a word or PDF document in a simple table.

I understand your position may be that Section 38(1)(a) - Health and Safety exemption applies. The majority of these murders will have been reported on in the public domain and/or be actively within the courts process, which is public. I do not feel that simply disclosing the fact that these individuals are deceased, their age, and the very brief circumstance is going to endanger anyones mental health. However, if

there are particularly sensitive cases that do not appear in the media or online, I'm happy for these to be excluded - but please explain how many of these cases are excluded and why.

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.

From 12th May 2022 to 12th May 2023 The Minisrty of Defence Police have assisted other Forces following a murder twice. One incident took place in the Plymouth area and the other was in the Cambridshire area.

We have had no investigative input, we just helped with cordons. Therefore no details of deceased were passed to us. We have no details of how the murder occurred for one incident and the other was a firearms incident.

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).

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Yours sincerely

MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office