



# Ministry of Defence Police

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Dear [REDACTED]

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: REPORTS OF ILLEGAL OR OBSCURED NUMBER PLATES.**

We refer to your email dated 9<sup>th</sup> 2023 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on the 12<sup>th</sup> 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:

**Motorists who display an illegal number plate or an obscured plate can be issued with a Traffic Offence Report (TOR) or a Vehicle Defect Rectification Scheme (VDRS) notice, means they escape a penalty if the fault is fixed within 14 days. Beyond this, if a second offence is caught, they could have their number plates revoked.**

**I would like to know how many traffic offence reports MOD Police have made between 1 January 2020 and 8 June 2023 regarding illegal or obscured number plates and how many times those reports were made to a single vehicle - which could result in the number plate being rescinded.**

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

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We can currently only search back to August 2021.

Between 01/08/21 and 08/06/23 the Ministry of Defence Police have had 15 reports of non-conforming number plates, none of the reports were repeat offenders.

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**