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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: MOD POLICE STAFF INVESTIGATED BY PSD AND TRAINED TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS

We refer to your email dated 20 June 2023 to the Ministry of Defence, which we acknowledged on the 21 June 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:

The number of MOD Police staff force wide investigated by professional standards department between April 2022 – Present

The number of MOD Police staff force wide who are trained to investigate allegations between April 2022 – Present

Average time taken for MOD Police staff force wide who are trained to investigate allegations to conclude such investigations between April 2022 – Present

Average number of cases allocated to individual MOD Police staff force wide who are trained to investigate allegations between April 2022 – Present

Number of interviews conducted by MOD Police staff force wide who are trained to investigate allegations between April 2022 – Present

Average time taken to produce a transcript to the investigation officer after an interview has been conducted between April 2022 – Present

Number of cases that have fallen out of time guidelines stated in MOD Police regulations 2020 between April 2022 – Present.

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.

The number of MOD Police staff force wide investigated by professional standards department between April 2022 – Present

74 Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) Officers

The number of MOD Police staff force wide who are trained to investigate allegations between April 2022 – Present

The circumstances of an allegation will dictate who is appointed as an appropriate person to investigate a matter.

Current staffing levels of Professional Standards Department (PSD) investigations team is:

- 1 Chief Inspector
- 1 Detective Inspector
- 1 Police Sergeant
- 3 Detective Constable
- 1 Civilian Investigator

Average time taken for MOD Police staff force wide who are trained to investigate allegations to conclude such investigations between April 2022 – Present

Average time to conclude investigations on cases recorded between 1 Apr 2022 to 22 June 2023 was 115 days

Average number of cases allocated to individual MOD Police staff force wide who are trained to investigate allegations between April 2022 – Present

It is not possible to provide an average over this timeframe, the number of cases being investigated is fluid and can change on a weekly/daily basis, i.e. new cases will be received and some cases will be finalised. The department will also be subject to staff changes and reallocation of investigation officers.

However as of 22 June 2023 the average number of cases allocated to investigating officers is 8.

Number of interviews conducted by MOD Police staff force wide who are trained to investigate allegations between April 2022 – Present

24 Interviews have been conducted in the period April 2022 – 22 June 2023

Average time taken to produce a transcript to the investigation officer after an interview has been conducted between April 2022 – Present

Data is not held detailing this information, however the company used to produce transcripts are required to provide them within 6 working days, this target has been met.

Number of cases that have fallen out of time guidelines stated in MOD Police regulations 2020 between April 2022 – Present.

Between 1 April 2022 to 2022 June 2023 one case has not been completed within the relevant period.

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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