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Our Ref: eCase: FOI2023/09086

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Date: 21 August 2023

Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: 'SPIKING' DATA

We refer to your email dated 18 July 2023 to the Ministry of Defence, which we acknowledged on the 20 July 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:

1 - Please can you provide the total number of spiking allegations received by your force in the following calendar years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023.

2 - Please confirm how many of the allegations listed in your response to question 1 led to an arrest and/or charge.

3 - Please provide a brief description of each allegation listed in your response to question 1

Note: Please include all drink and/or needle spiking allegations in your response.

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

1 - Please can you provide the total number of spiking allegations received by your force in the following calendar years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023.

2019 - <5

2020 - <5

2021 - <5

2022 - <5

2023 (Jan – Jul) – <5

2 - Please confirm how many of the allegations listed in your response to question 1 led to an arrest and/or charge.

Allegations of this nature are passed to the local Home Office police force to investigation. Therefore, we hold no information about arrest or charges.

3 - Please provide a brief description of each allegation listed in your response to question 1

The information you have requested in this question falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemptions provided for Section 40 (Personal Data).

Section 40(2) has been applied to some of the information in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 1998.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in deciding to withhold the information.

If you are dissatisfied with 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). Internal review requests should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely

MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office