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Dear [REDACTED]

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE:  
BEHAVIOURAL SCIENTISTS EMPLOYED IN MOD POLICE**

We refer to your email dated 06 August 2023 to the Ministry of Defence, which we acknowledged on the 07 August 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. In total, how many whole-time equivalent (WTE) 'behavioural scientists' were employed in your Ministry of Defence Police department as of:**

- a) 1st September 2019?
- b) 1st September 2020?
- c) 1st September 2021?
- d) 1st September 2022?

**2. In total, what was the annual cost of employing behavioural scientists – both in-house employees and those commissioned to provide advice on a sessional basis - in your Ministry of Defence Police department in:**

- a) 2019?
- b) 2020?
- c) 2021?
- d) 2022?

**3. In addition to behavioural scientists, how many WTEs with 'psychologist' in their job titles (for example 'social psychologist', 'behavioural psychologist', 'occupational psychologist') were employed in your Ministry of Defence Police department as of:**

- a) 1st September 2019?
- b) 1st September 2020?
- c) 1st September 2021?

**d) 1st September 2022?**

**4. In total, what was the annual cost of employing psychologists - both in-house employees and those commissioned to provide advice on a sessional basis - in your Ministry of Defence Police department in:**

- a) 2019?**
- b) 2020?**
- c) 2021?**
- d) 2022?**

A search has now been completed by the Ministry of Defence Police and information in scope of your request is provided as follows:

**1. In total, how many whole-time equivalent (WTE) 'behavioural scientists' were employed in your Ministry of Defence Police department as of:**

- a) 1st September 2019? = 0**
- b) 1st September 2020? = 0**
- c) 1st September 2021? = 0**
- d) 1st September 2022? = 0**

**2. In total, what was the annual cost of employing behavioural scientists – both in-house employees and those commissioned to provide advice on a sessional basis - in your Ministry of Defence Police department in:**

- a) 2019? = £0**
- b) 2020? = £0**
- c) 2021? = £0**
- d) 2022? = £0**

**3. In addition to behavioural scientists, how many WTEs with 'psychologist' in their job titles (for example 'social psychologist', 'behavioural psychologist', 'occupational psychologist') were employed in your Ministry of Defence Police department as of:**

- a) 1st September 2019? = 0**
- b) 1st September 2020? = 0**
- c) 1st September 2021? = 0**
- d) 1st September 2022? = 0**

**4. In total, what was the annual cost of employing psychologists - both in-house employees and those commissioned to provide advice on a sessional basis - in your Ministry of Defence Police department in:**

- a) 2019? = £0**
- b) 2020? = £0**
- c) 2021? = £0**
- d) 2022? = £0**

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Yours sincerely

**MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office**