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Dear [REDACTED],

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 27 September 2021 in which you requested the following information:

'I wish to make the following requests under the Freedom of Information Act:

Does Provost Marshal Royal Navy provide guidance or force orders/directions provided to Royal Navy Police Officers, NCO's and Staff in respect of dealing with members of the public making video recordings or taking photographs within buildings or the vicinity of Royal Navy / MOD premises? (please could you provide a copy of any such documents or screenshots). '

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

In response to your request, I can confirm that there is no guidance or force orders/directions provided to Royal Navy (RN) Police Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers or staff in respect of dealing with members of the public making video recordings or taking photographs within buildings or the vicinity of RN/Ministry of Defence (MOD) premises.

Under section 16 (Advice and Assistance) of the Act, it may help if I explain that Ministry of Defence Police/Home Office Police have jurisdiction for dealing with matters that occur on the perimeter fence of establishments. RN Police do not have jurisdiction over civilians so these incidents would be dealt with as a civil matter.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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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

Navy Command Secretariat – FOI Section