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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:

- Can you enquire with professional standards within Royal Navy Police or equivalent department as to how many complaints have been received in respect of RNP interactions with members of the public in respect of photography and video recording in public places such as police premises and the vicinity of such buildings? and the outcome of such investigations within the last 12 months.
- Could you please provide a breakdown of how the Royal Navy Police is staffed and details of units and jurisdiction?

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

A search for the information has been conducted by the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

In response to the first part of your request, the number of complaints received in respect of Royal Navy (RN) Police interactions with members of the public in respect of photography and video recording in public places such as police premises and the vicinity of such buildings is nil.

In response to the second part of your request, the current strength of the RN Police (including the Royal Marines (RM) Police Troop) is 318.

With regard to RN Police units, they are spread across all RN/RM areas and sub-divided as follows:

Headquarters Provost Marshall (Navy)	Sea-Going Units
RN Police Special Investigation Branch	Royal Marines Police Troop
Base Port Regional Police Commander Staff	Establishment RN Police
Joint Service Police Units	Overseas Positions Abroad

With regard to the jurisdiction of the RN Police, the Armed Forces Act 2006 and further amendments in 2011 and 2016, this is the single service law which applies to personnel within the RN. Every member of the regular forces is subject to Service law at all times. This means that whether on or off duty within the UK or abroad, or transiting between countries, every member of the RN and the RM, is subject to Service law. Members of the Reserve Forces, namely the Royal Fleet Reserve, the Royal Naval Reserve and the Royal Marines Reserve are also subject to Service law when undertaking permanent Service on call-out, during home defence Service on call-out or when engaged in full time Service commitments.

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

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Yours sincerely

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