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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: REPORTS OF HARASSMENT

We refer to your email dated 03 November 2023 to the Ministry of Defence Police (MDP), which we acknowledged on the 06 November 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:

Please can you tell me how many reports of harassment (include all harassment offences) the police force has received in each year from 2015 - 2023.

Please include -

- the outcome of each report (cautioned, arrested, prosecuted, no further action etc)
- the offence, offence category, class and sub-class
- the age of the person reported to the force (an age banding is acceptable if there are identification concerns)
- the age of the person who made the report (an age banding is acceptable if there are identification concerns)
- the relationship between the reporter and the reportee (i.e. partner, parent etc)

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

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- **the offence, offence category, class and sub-class**
- **the age of the person reported to the force (an age banding is acceptable if there are identification concerns)**
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- **the relationship between the reporter and the reportee (i.e. partner, parent etc)**

Information has been provided in the table at Annex A.

We have no information held in relation to class or sub-class.

The Ministry of Defence Police will not release information that could potentially identify an individual. Individual details fall entirely within the scope of the exemption provided for at Sections 40 (Personal Data). Section 40(2) of the FOI Act 2000 has been applied to the ages of those involved in each case, to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 2018. Section 40(2) requires the Department to conduct a balancing exercise, this exercise involves balancing the rights and interests of individuals against the legitimate interests in disclosure, this is not the same as carrying out the public interest test associated with certain exemptions in FOIA. The balancing exercise is carried out to decide whether the absolute exemption in section 40(2) is engaged. In particular, there is no assumption of disclosure in the legitimate interest test, as there is with qualified exemptions. The outcome of the balancing exercise lay in withholding the personal data identified for this request. Ages have been provided in bands of 10.

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.

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

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Year	Reports	Outcome	Offence	Offender age band	Victim age band	Relationship
2015	3	Evidential difficulties	Harassment of another (Protection from Harassment Act 1997)	not stated	not stated	not stated
		Charged/Summons	Racially aggravated harassment of another (Protection from Harassment Act 1997)	30-39	30-39	not stated
		Evidential difficulties	Harassment of another (Protection from Harassment Act 1997)	not stated	not stated	not stated
2016	2	Not in public interest - Police decision	Harassment of another (Protection from Harassment Act 1997)	50-59	not stated	not stated
		Evidential difficulties	Racially aggravated harassment, alarm or distress (Crime and Disorder act 1998)	not stated	30-39	not stated
2017	5	No suspect	Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Public Order Act 1986)	not known	not stated	not stated
		Not in public interest - Police decision	Harassment of another (Protection from Harassment Act 1997)	60-69	30-39	not known
		Other agency dealing	Harassment of another (Protection from Harassment Act 1997)	20-29	20-29	not stated
		Not in public interest - Police decision	Harassment of another (Protection from Harassment Act 1997)	20-29	40-49	not stated
		Caution	Harassment of another (Protection from Harassment Act 1997)	30-39	20-29	not stated
2018	4	Charged/Summons	Harassment of another (Protection from Harassment Act 1997)	30-39	20-29	not stated
		Not in public interest - CPS decision	Harassment of another (Protection from Harassment Act 1997)	60-69	40-49	not stated
		Not in public interest - Police decision	Harassment of another (Protection from Harassment Act 1997)	not stated	40-49	not stated
		No suspect	Harassment of another (Protection from Harassment Act 1997)	not known	30-39	not stated
2019	2	No suspect	Harassment of another (Protection from Harassment Act 1997)	not known	30-39	not stated
		Community resolution	Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Public Order Act 1986)	30-39	30-39	not stated
2020	7	No suspect	Religiously aggravated causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Public Order Act 1986)	not known	40-49	not stated
		Evidential difficulties	Harassment of another (Protection from Harassment Act 1997)	20-29	20-29	not stated
		Evidential difficulties	Religiously aggravated causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Public Order Act 1986)	50-59	20-29	not stated
		Evidential difficulties	Harassment of another (Protection from Harassment Act 1997)	not stated	20-29	not stated
		No suspect	Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Public Order Act 1986)	not known	60-69	not stated
		No suspect	Harassment of another (Protection from Harassment Act 1997)	not known	50-59	not stated
		Evidential difficulties	Harassment of another (Protection from Harassment Act 1997)	20-29	20-29	not stated

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Year	Reports	Outcome	Offence	Offender age band	Victim age band	Relationship
2021	6	No suspect	Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Public Order Act 1986)	not known	40-49	not stated
		Evidential difficulties	Harassment of another (Protection from Harassment Act 1997)	20-29	not stated	not stated
		Time limit expires	Using disorderly behaviour, or threatening abusive or insulting words (Public Order Act 1986)	60-69	50-59	not stated
		No further action	Complaint of harassment following military disciplinary issue	not known	not known	not known
		Passed to service police	Report of harassment against serving member of armed forces	not known	not known	not known
		Warning issued	Report of harassment against dismissed employee	not known	not known	not known
2022	12	Charged/Summons	Racially aggravated harassment, alarm or distress (Crime and Disorder act 1998)	40-49	30-39	not stated
		Other agency dealing	Harassment of another (Protection from Harassment Act 1997)	10-19	10-19	not stated
		Transferred to another jurisdiction	Harassment of another (Protection from Harassment Act 1997)	40-49	40-49	not stated
		Not in public interest - Police decision	Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Public Order Act 1986)	20-29	20-29	not stated
		Evidential difficulties	Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Public Order Act 1986)	20-29	not stated	not stated
		No further action - dealt with by school	Report of harassment of child	not known	not known	not known
		transferred to Home Office police	report of harassment against adult male	not known	not known	not known
		No further action - dealt with by school	Report of harassment and bullying	not known	not known	not known
		transferred to Home Office police	Report of sexual harassment against adult and minors	not known	not known	not known
		Report assessed	Report from Home Office police of possible harassment and bullying on MOD land	not known	not known	not known
		Evidential difficulties	Report of sexual harassment against adult.	not known	not known	not known
		Reported to Home Office police	Report of harassment towards civilian employee	not known	not known	not known
2023	5	Ongoing	Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress (Public Order Act 1986)	20-29	not stated	not stated
		Caution	Harassment of another (Protection from Harassment Act 1997)	30-39	30-39	not stated
		Reported to Home Office police	Report of harassment towards civilian employee	not known	not known	not known
		Warning issued, site ban issued	Report of sexual harassment against truck driver	not known	not known	not known
		Advice given to suspect, no further action	Report of sexual harassment	not known	not known	not known