



# Ministry of Defence Police

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Dear [REDACTED]

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: NUMBER POLICE OFFICERS AUTHORISED TO HOLD FIREARMS ON THE DATE OF THIS REQUEST**

We refer to your email dated 29 January 2024 to the Ministry of Defence Police (MDP), which was acknowledged on 30 January 2024.

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:

**I would like to know the number police officers authorised to hold firearms on the date of this request.**

**The response should be sent in braille by post.**

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

At the time of your request the number of officers authorised to hold firearms was 1,860.

We note your request for the response to be sent in braille by post. In line with Section 11 of FOIA 2000, we have considered all circumstances of complying with your request and have determined that it is not reasonably practical. We have no facility to provide documents in braille, therefore could only comply at excessive cost. On this occasion, we will respond using the most efficient and cost effective means available to us.

If you are not satisfied 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). Please note that any request for an internal review 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**