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Dear [REDACTED]

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: HOW MANY OFFICERS TOOK SICK LEAVE FOR DEPRESSION, ANXIETY, STRESS OR POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS**

We refer to your email dated 10 May 2024 to the Ministry of Defence Police (MDP), which was acknowledged on 13 May 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:

**1. How many officers took sick leave for depression, anxiety, stress or post-traumatic stress between April 2023 and March 2024. By this, I mean where any of the terms 'depression', 'anxiety' or 'stress' or 'post-traumatic stress' appear in the description of the officer's illness.**

**I would like to receive the information in PDF format.**

A search for information is now complete and the MDP does hold any information in scope of your request.

Between April 2023 and March 2024, there were 175 MDP officers absent with the selected reason 'Anxiety, depression, stress'

We have included all MDP officers that have a sickness absence recorded on the Defence system with the selected reason 'Anxiety, depression, stress'. Employees have the right not to declare the reason for absence so we can only provide the figure for those who have selected this. The figure includes any absence that may have started before 01 April 2023 but were ongoing on this date.

The health and wellbeing of MDP employees is important. All MDP employees are encouraged to discuss health issues with Line Managers and to take advantage of the welfare support tools available in the MDP and across Defence.

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](mailto: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.

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Yours sincerely

**MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office**