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E-mail: <u>MDP-FOI-DP@mod.gov.uk</u> Our Ref: eCase: FOI 2024/17641 RFI: 150/24 Date: 04 October 2024

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE ENTRIES ON WWW.PUBLIC-SECTOR.CO.UK

We refer to your letter dated 11 September 2024 to the Ministry of Defence Police (MDP), which was acknowledged on 01 October 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 am writing to ask for help regarding contact details of the enclosed pages being checked, updated and returned to us. We have sent this list several times with no response and we would ask if this request could possibly be passed on to someone who can help.

We have included what we believe to be the Senior Management, Key Posts and Directors within your organisation, but would really appreciate you checking the information we have and adding any missing posts and people, plus emails if possible.

it is of the utmost importance that we keep our information as accurate and complete as possible.

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

Under Section 21 of the FOIA, we can exempt information if it is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. The following link provides details that are suitable for release within the public domain.

https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/ministry-of-defence-police#general-enquiries

Under section 16 of the FOIA, I can advise the following:

Chief Constable - Melanie Dales Deputy Chief Constable - Kier Pritchard Head of Corporate Services - Justin Oliver Assistant Chief Constable (Nuclear and Marine) - Justin Bibby T/Assistant Chief Constable (Territorial, Crime and Support) - Trevor Clark Data Protection officer – <u>MDP-DPA@mod.gov.uk</u> MDP Control Centre – 03001232101 – <u>MDPForceControl@mod.gov.uk</u> MDP general enquiries – 0300 7904103 - <u>MDP-GeneralEnquiries-GMB@mod.gov.uk</u> The address of MDP headquarters is RAF Wyton, Palmer Pavilion, Huntingdon, PE28 2EA.

Please ensure that any other information you hold is deleted from your records accordingly.

We have withheld some personal information in accordance with Section 40(2) of the FOIA. Individual details fall entirely within the scope of the exemption provided for at Section 40 (Personal Data). Section 40(2) has been applied to in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 2018. Section 40(2) requires the MDP to conduct a balancing exercise. This 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 in order to decide whether the absolute exemption in Section 40(2) is engaged. In particular, there is no assumption of disclosure in the legitimate interests test, as there is with qualified exemptions. The outcome of the balancing exercise lay in withholding the personal data identified for this request.

We have withheld some telephone numbers and email addresses in accordance with Section 31(1) of the FOIA. This is a prejudice based qualified exemption and there is a requirement to articulate the harm that would be caused in releasing the information by carrying out a public interest test. On balance, the public interest favours maintaining the exemptions and withholding the information requested. Section 31(1) is engaged as to release the information would have a detrimental impact on Law Enforcement and could be used to undermine operational policing. This could be done through nuisance calls or inundating email inboxes with spam emails.

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