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Dear [REDACTED]

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: INCIDENTS INVOLVING ILLEGAL ENTRANTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM.**

We refer to your email dated 26 September 2024 to the Ministry of Defence Police (MDP), which was acknowledged on 27 September 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:**

**Please kindly provide details of numbers of individuals stopped and searched; arrested; charged with offences who have been identified by police as being illegal entrants to the United Kingdom or have no form of identification or no fixed abode.**

**By illegal entrants we mean:**

- (1) those who entered the UK without leave or who have absconded after being granted temporary admission (these include entrants by way of airports, channel crossings or via vehicles)**
- (2) those who enter in breach of a deportation order;**
- (3) those who have secured leave by means of material deception.**

**The information is sought for the years from 2017 to 2024 (or latest available figures)**

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

**Numbers of individuals stopped and searched; arrested; charged with offences who have been identified by police as being illegal entrants to the United Kingdom or have no form of identification or no fixed abode.**

There were 11 recorded incidents between 2017 and 2024 involving those identified by MDP as illegal immigrants to the UK.

The Ministry of Defence Police is a specialist national armed police force responsible for protecting Defence sites, assets and people. The nature of this work means that the force does not routinely deal with certain types of offences or arrests. It is common practice to work with local Forces and other agencies to hand over case responsibility when required.

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**