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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: GROSS MISCONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS.

We refer to your email dated 11 November 2024 to the Ministry of Defence Police (MDP), which was acknowledged on 11 November 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:

Police Professional Standards Departments can investigate police officers who are retired following complaints assessed as potentially Gross Misconduct as opposed to Misconduct.

- 1. Can you tell me how many complaints of Gross Misconduct have been investigated in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024?**
- 2. How many of those investigations commenced after the officers retired? (as opposed to retired whilst being investigated)?**
- 3. What were the ranks of the officers at retirement?**
- 4. What were the outcomes of the investigations?**

A search for the information is complete and I can confirm that the MDP do hold information in scope of your request.

- 1. Can you tell me how many complaints of Gross Misconduct have been investigated in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024?**

In order to protect personal information governed by Data Protection legislation, Section 40(2) of the FOI Act has been applied to some of the information by supplementing numbers less than 5 with a tilde (~). Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is

therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

We have included conduct & complaints assessed as Gross Misconduct in the table below.

	Conduct	Complaints
2020	23	0
2021	34	0
2022	29	~
2023	44	0
2024	40	0

2. How many of those investigations commenced after the officers retired? (as opposed to retired whilst being investigated)?

No information held. Our Professional Standards Department records do not differentiate between Officers resigning or retiring.

3. What were the ranks of the officers at retirement?

Not applicable

4. What were the outcomes of the investigations?

Not applicable

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.

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Yours sincerely

MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office