



Freedom of Information Manager

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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: SQUATTER EVICTIONS.

We refer to your email dated 13 November 2024 to the Ministry of Defence Police (MDP), which was acknowledged on 14 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:

I am submitting a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am seeking information on squatters or trespassers (those living in a property without permission) who have been evicted within your policing jurisdiction. Specifically, I am requesting the following information:

- The total number of squatters evicted within the jurisdiction from January 1, 2024, to the present date.
- If possible, a breakdown of these evictions by month and by the type of property (e.g., residential, commercial, or public properties).
- The number of evictions conducted under civil orders or were criminal prosecutions.
- Any available data on the average time taken to resolve each squatting incident (from the report of squatting to the eviction).

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

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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 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