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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: MENTAL HEALTH QUERIES.

We refer to your clarification email dated 18 October 2024 to the Ministry of Defence Police (MDP), which was acknowledged on 24 October 2024.

We are treating your email as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000).

How many officers and staff working for your force are currently waiting for mental health treatment? Please list the figures for police officers and staff separately.

What is the current average waiting time for an officer working for your force to see a mental health professional in Occupational Health (not a nurse or other staff member). Please also provide the annual average waiting time every year since January 1st 2020. As the current year is not finished please provide the 2024 average to date.

Does your police force keep a record of the number of officers and staff who die by suicide? If yes, please provide the total number that have died as a result of suicide every year since January 1st 2020, broken up into officers and staff. As the current year is not finished please provide the 2024 total to date, again broken up into officers and staff.

How much money has been spent by your force on mental health provision, every year since January 1st 2020? As the current year is not finished please provide the 2024 total to date and the end of year estimated spend. -

How many mental health trauma specialists does your force currently employ? Also, broken down into separate years, how many mental health trauma specialists has your force employed since January 1st 2020

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

How many officers and staff working for your force are currently waiting for mental health treatment? Please list the figures for police officers and staff separately.

No member of the MDP are awaiting mental health services, these are provided instantaneously by calling the MOD Employee Assistance Programme where counselling for up to 6 sessions is provided where relevant.

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There is no wait time as the individual calls a 24/7 help number and it is triaged on answer.

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Yes we keep a record of death by suicide.

2020 – one officer

2022 – one officer

2024 – one officer

Civilian staff - 0

How much money has been spent by your force on mental health provision, every year since January 1st 2020? As the current year is not finished please provide the 2024 total to date and the end of year estimated spend. –

The MDP make up part of the wider employee assistance programme for the MOD and therefore there is no specific cost to the MDP.

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Yours sincerely

MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office