

### FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: INFORMATION REGARDING ELECTRONIC HARASSMENT

We refer to your email dated 21 November 2024 to the Ministry of Defence Police (MDP), which was acknowledged on the same day.

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 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding reports of electronic harassment, particularly involving voice-to-skull (V2K) technology and Remote Neural Monitoring (RNM). I also seek details on police actions to address these incidents in the UK.

**Queries:** 

Number of electronic harassment incidents reported in the UK over the past five years to various agencies, including trends.

Number of FOI requests to the Ministry of Defence on electronic harassment, including V2K and RNM How police investigate electronic harassment, including procedures, technologies, and training for officers.

Number of cases leading to investigations, arrests, or prosecutions.

Laws and police protocols on electronic harassment, and available support services for victims.

Ongoing or planned initiatives to prevent electronic harassment and any discussions on new legislation.

This information will help understand how electronic harassment is being addressed in the UK, particularly how victims are supported without referral to the mental health system and how offenders are held accountable.

Lastly, if you do not hold this information, please specify which agencies do.

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

## Number of electronic harassment incidents reported in the UK over the past five years to various agencies, including trends.

There were 0 reports to the MDP. No information is held about reports to other agencies or relating to any trends.

# Number of FOI requests to the Ministry of Defence on electronic harassment, including V2K and RNM

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Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) of the FOIA, I can advise that the Ministry of Defence publish details of all FOI requests at the following link:

FOI responses released by the Ministry of Defence: 2024 - GOV.UK

# How police investigate electronic harassment, including procedures, technologies, and training for officers.

The MDP follow National Police Policies and Procedures.

#### Number of cases leading to investigations, arrests, or prosecutions.

There were 0 cases for the MDP and therefore no investigations, arrests, or prosecutions.

## Laws and police protocols on electronic harassment, and available support services for victims.

The MDP follow National Police Policies and Procedures.

# Ongoing or planned initiatives to prevent electronic harassment and any discussions on new legislation.

No information held.

#### If you do not hold this information, please specify which agencies do.

No information held.

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**