



# Ministry of Defence Police

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Date: 20 May 2019

Dear Ms Moughton,

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: POLICE WORKFORCE DATA.**

We refer to your email dated 1 May 2019 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on the same date.

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:

- “1. The number of sickness days taken by all police officers within your police force over the latest available calendar year.**
- 2. The number of sickness days taken by all police officers at the rank of constable within your police force over the latest available calendar year.**
- 3. The number of sickness days taken by all police officers in their probation within your police force over the latest available calendar year.**
- 4. The time taken for a probationary constable in your force to achieve Independent Patrol Status (IPS), based on the latest available data.**
- 5. The number of hours that probationary status constables in your force spend on coached patrol and street duties, based on the latest available data.”**

A search for information has now been completed by the Ministry of Defence Police and I can confirm that we do hold information in scope of your request.

1. In financial year 2018/2019 Police Officers within the Ministry of Defence Police took 25,621 working days of sickness absence.

2. In financial year 2018/2019 Police Constables within the Ministry of Defence Police took 20,060 working days of sickness absence.

3. In financial year 2018/2019 Police Officers within the Ministry of Defence Police within their first 24 months of employment took 1,752 working days sickness.

This figure relates to probationary constables and any other police officer that has taken sickness within the first 24 months of their service.

4. No Information held – The Ministry of Defence Police does not have this status for probationers.

5. No Information held

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about 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).

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Yours sincerely

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