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Dear XXXXXXXXXXXXX,

Thank you for your email of 5 July in which you requested the following information:

'How many complaints of sexual abuse have been made against officers and adult instructors in the Somerset Army Cadet Force since 2010?'

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held and is detailed below.

Since 2010, there have been fewer than five complaints of sexual abuse against officers and adult instructors in the Somerset Army Cadet Force. Please note that in line with statistical rounding policy, figures of fewer than five have been suppressed to ensure that individuals cannot be identified.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for 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.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Yours sincerely,

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