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15 April 2019

Dear ██████████,

Thank you for your email of 16 March 2019 requesting the following information:

"I wish to make the following FOI request of the Service Prosecution Authority:

- a. Since 2015 How many service personnel have been convicted of offences of Coercion and Control.*
- b. Since 2015 How many service personnel have been convicted of offences linked to Domestic Abuse broken down by service?*
- c. Since 2015 how many Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS) "Sarah's law" disclosures have been made involving service personnel"?*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI Act). In regard to question (a) this information is not held in the format requested. In regard to question (b), information in scope of your request is exempt under Section 21 of the (FOI) Act, "information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means". The information is published in Hansard at:

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-03-25/236503/>

In regard to question (c) under Section 16 (Advice & Assistance) the child sex offender disclosure scheme is known as 'Sarah's Law' under which members of the public can ask the police whether an individual (e.g. a neighbour or family friend) is a convicted sex offender. Information in regard to the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS) known as 'Clare's Law' is published at:

<https://www.met.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/daa/domestic-abuse/af/clares-law/>

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Yours sincerely,

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