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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 30 May in which you requested the following information:

a copy of the guide titled: 'EXTREME RIGHT WING (XRW) INDICATORS & WARNINGS'.

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 (MOD), and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held and is attached.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that the cards were prepared after the arrest of four soldiers for alleged membership of the proscribed terrorist organisation National Action. Exhibiting one or two of the indicators and warnings described on the card in no way suggests someone is an extremist.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance. Following this, 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.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely,

Army secretariat

**“ The bottom line is this:
there is no place in the British Army whatsoever
for any form of racism. That’s why one of our core values is
‘respect for others’ ”**

Army Sergeant Major Glenn Haughton OBE

EXTREME RIGHT WING (XRW) GROUPS IDEOLOGY

Extreme Right Wing (XRW) Groups are **openly racist, anti-Semitic, anti-Islam and homophobic** in views. Generally, they take their inspiration from Adolf Hitler and the Nazi regime.

Members/followers encourage the **oppression of, and violence against, groups of people** based on their supposed inferiority. XRW followers perceive such groups as a threat to national social institutions or traditions.

XRW groups reject current views on democracy and are hostile to British governmental structures. They seek to **divide society by endorsing violence** against ethnic minorities and perceived ‘race traitors’.

XRW groups and individuals **glorify those who have previously used extreme violence** for right wing political or ideological ends.

They look to spread their ideology through Social Media, stickers, leaflets, graffiti, street demonstrations and stunts aimed at **intimidating local communities**.

Under the **Terrorism Act 2000**, the Home Secretary may **proscribe an organisation** if they believe the organisation: commits, prepares for, participates in, promotes, encourages, glorifies acts of Terrorism.

National Action (NA), a racist neo-Nazi group, was proscribed December 2016. In September 2017, the Government directed that Scottish Dawn and National Socialist Anti-Capitalist Action (NS131) should be regarded as alternative names for National Action, so are also proscribed.

The current list of proscribed organisations is on the Home Office website.

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EXTREME RIGHT WING (XRW) INDICATORS & WARNINGS



Look out for individuals who...

Describe themselves as ‘Patriots’	Look at opponents as ‘Traitors’	Refer to individuals ready to challenge their XRW views as being ‘indoctrinated’	Refer to Political Correctness as some left wing or communist plot	Use blatantly untruthful or incorrect references to immigrants, Judaism or Islam
Add ‘istan’ to British place names	Use the term ‘Islamofacism’	Make generalisations about Muslims and Jews	Make inaccurate generalisations about ‘the Left’ or Government	Talk of an impending racial conflict or ‘Race War’
Describe multicultural towns as ‘lost’	Discuss the creation of ‘white only’ communities	Claim that immigration is the root of injustices against vulnerable people (e.g. old age pensioners, veterans)	Threaten violence when losing an argument, although claiming that XRW groups protest peacefully	Claim that it is acceptable to abuse Jews or Muslims as Judaism or Islam are not ‘races’
Have tattoos with overt and covert XRW iconography	Become increasingly angry at perceived injustices or threats to so called ‘National Identity’	Involve colleagues in closed social media groups	Actively seek out impressionable individuals to indoctrinate or recruit	Have extreme XRW group stickers or badges on clothing and personal items

If you are concerned about the behaviour of any member of the Army you should report your concerns through the CofC and to the Army Warning, Advisory and Reporting Point (WARP)

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