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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000. MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: SEXUAL ASSAULT ALLEGATIONS.

I refer to your e-mail of 22 August 2019, which was acknowledged on the same date.

We are treating your e-mail as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000).

In your e-mail you requested the following information:

"I write to request the following under the freedom of information act concerning sexual assault allegations.

For each of the financial years, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19, please provide the following:

- 1. The total number of sexual offence crimes where the suspect is recorded as deceased
- 2. Of these, the number of suspects already dead at the time the crime was recorded?
- 3. The number of cases where the suspect died in the same financial year as the crime was recorded.

Of these, please breakdown the number of deaths from a) of natural causes, b) self-inflicted or c) other - please specify if you can.

4. The number of cases where the suspect died in a subsequent year whilst the investigation was ongoing.

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.

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- 4. 2018/2019-Natural causes

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). 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

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