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Email: [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 16 May 2017 requesting the following information:

*Please provide details regarding the following, with the context of 1265 (Horncastle) Squadron:*

- 1. Complaints made to Corps/Region/Wing (and if possible, Squadron) regarding the OC.*
- 2. The number of RAFVR(T), SNCO(ATC), CIs, SI(RAF)s and Cadets who are members.*
- 3. The reason for change of commanding officer in late 2016*

*I also request details regarding numbers 1 and 2 for the new commanding officer's previous squadron, 1228 (Louth) Squadron. Furthermore, I request a copy of the complaint/report written by an SNCO(ATC) who attended the Trent Wing RAF Wyton Annual camp in 2014, where the commanding officer took the role of camp commandant.*

*For your further information request of dates for the number of people, please use the following dates:*

#### *Horncastle Squadron*

- Current date as of when you act upon this request.*
- 30th January 2017.*

#### *Louth Squadron*

- Current date as of when you act upon this request.*
- 9th July 2014*
- 1st December 2016*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held.

Under section 40(5)(b)(i) the MOD neither confirms nor denies whether it holds any information in scope of your request about complaints made regarding the Officer Commanding 1265 (Horncastle) Squadron. Your request asks about a third party's personal data. Were any information held it would be exempt from disclosure as it constitutes the personal data of third parties and it would be unfair and unlawful to disclose this type of information without consent as it would breach the fair processing principle of the Data Protection Act (DPA). Section 40(5) is an absolute exemption and not subject to public interest testing.

Information on personnel numbers for 1265 (Horncastle) Squadron and 1228 (Louth) Squadron can be found in the tables below.

1265 (Horncastle) Squadron	30 January 2017	Current
Number of RAFVR(T)	~	~
Number of SNCO(ATC)	0	0
Number of CI's	~	~
Number of SI(RAF)	0	0
Number of Cadets	20	10

1228 (Louth) Squadron	9 July 2014	1 Dec 2016	Current
Number of RAFVR(T)	~	~	~
Number of SNCO(ATC)	~	0	0
Number of CI's	~	~	~
Number of SI(RAF)	0	~	0
Number of Cadets	20	20	20

In accordance with the Data Protection Act and our obligations in relation to the protection of confidentiality when handling personal data, data has been rounded to the nearest 10, where "~" denotes a number less than or equal to 5.

Information on the reason for the change of Commanding Officer in late 2016 is exempt under Section 40(2) in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 1998. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

Information on the complaint/report written by an SNCO who attended the Trent Wing RAF Wyton annual camp in 2014 is not held.

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](mailto: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.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

[Original signed]

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