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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) dated 23 March in which you requested the following information:

1. The total number of bullying complaints made.

I would like this information broken down for each of the three forces.

And I would like this information annually from January 2012 until the time my request is dealt with.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000. Following a search of our records, I can confirm that the MOD does hold information within the scope of your request.

Under Section 21 of the FOI Act the MOD is not obliged to supply information that is reasonably accessible to the applicant, by other means. In this case information on bullying complaints for 2012, 2013 and 2014 has been previously published in the Service Complaints Commissioner's Annual Report's; which can be viewed online here:

<http://www.servicecomplaintsombudsman.org.uk/service-complaints-ombudsman/publications-and-reports/annual-reports/>

Under Section 22 of the FOI Act the MOD is not obliged to provide information intended for future publication. Data regarding bullying complaints in 2015 will be available in the Service Complaints Ombudsman's Annual Report 2015, which is intended for publication in April 2016. Data for 2016 will be available in the Service Complaints Ombudsman's Annual Report 2016, which is intended for publication in April 2017.

I hope that this information will be helpful to you.

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, 2nd Floor, Zone N, 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.

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.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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