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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 3 August in which you requested the following information:

Under the FOI Act, can you please provide details of the number of recruits or serving female soldiers who have a read code for female genital mutilation on their medical records. I would like details going back to 2012.

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

The search for the requested data conducted on 11 August established that between 1 January 2012 and 11 August 2017, there were no UK Army personnel with a read code for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) entered into their electronic medical record.

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Yours sincerely,

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