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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated 1 May 2016, to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

"Please can you tell me the official MOD grade and current salary of the MOD Chief Medical Adviser (Dr Anne Braidwood)?"

On 5 May 2016, you provided the following clarification:

"Dr Braidwood, CDP Medical Advisor."

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 all of the information in scope of your request is held.

The Chief of Defence Personnel Medical Adviser is classed as a Senior Civil Servant (SCS) and is on SCS pay band one.

However, the salary information falls entirely within the scope of an absolute exemption under section 21 (Information reasonably accessible by other means) of the FOIA.

Section 21(1) has been applied, as the information is already in the public domain and therefore reasonably accessible to you at the link provided below. Section 21 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to without the information.

Further information about SCS pay bands can be found at the following link:

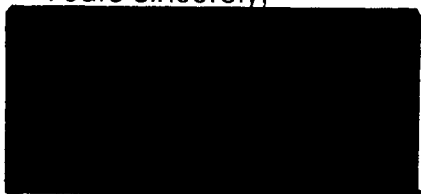
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If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an

independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 2nd Floor, 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, <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,



A/Head of DBS Secretariat