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Our Ref: eCase: 10417-15 RFI: 245-15

Date: 11th December 2015

Dear [REDACTED],

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: DETAILS OF THE NUMBER OF DNA SAMPLES TAKEN FROM CHILDREN AGED 0-15 (INCLUSIVE)

I refer to your e-mail request of 21st November 2015, which was acknowledged on the 30th November 2015.

We will deal with your e-mail as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In your email dated 21st November 2015 you requested:

'I am writing to request details of the number of DNA samples taken from children aged 0 - 15 (inclusive). I would like this broken down by calendar year, from January 2010 up until today's date (21 November 2015).

Specifically:

1) Within each calendar year, I would like to know the total number of DNA samples taken from children aged 0 - 15 (inclusive) by the force, and then those figures broken down again by age.

2) Separately, for each calendar year, I would like a summary of why DNA was taken for each child aged 0 - 9 (inclusive). (For example, what crime they were suspected of committing.) I would again like this broken down by age.

A search for information has now been completed and I can confirm that some information is held by the Ministry of Defence Police of the description specified in your request.

1) Within each calendar year, I would like to know the total number of DNA samples taken from children aged 0 - 15 (inclusive) by the force, and then those figures broken down again by age.

AGE	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015 (to 21 st Nov)
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	0	4	1	0	0	0
13	0	3	0	0	0	0
14	0	2	2	0	0	0
15	2	4	1	0	0	0

2) Separately, for each calendar year, I would like a summary of why DNA was taken for each child aged 0 - 9 (inclusive). (For example, what crime they were suspected of committing.) I would again like this broken down by age.

No information held. The Ministry of Defence Police have not taken any DNA samples from children aged 0-9 inclusive.

Please note that not all samples are taken from children because they have committed a criminal offence, very often samples are obtained for means of elimination purposes.

If you are not satisfied with this response or 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, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB (email 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 the 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

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