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[REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]

22 October 2014

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 24 September 2014 requesting the following information:

*Please could I have all information held at:
Headquarters Air Cadets
RAF Cranwell
Sleaford
Lincolnshire
NG34 8HBI*

*Regarding the official Formation Date of 1196 (Bredbury, Romiley and Marple)
Squadron ATC.
Also list of 1196 Sqn's Commanding officers from formation to date. Including their
Rank, Forename, Surname and date of appointment and date of resignation.*

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.

I can confirm that the department does hold some information on 1196 Squadron Commanding Officers. However, this information has been withheld under Section 40 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.

Section 16 of the FOIA requires a public authority to provide applicants with reasonable advice and assistance. Therefore, I can confirm that 1196 (Bredbury, Romiley and Marple) Squadron ATC was officially formed by Royal Warrant on 10th March 1941.

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, 1st 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, <http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

[Original signed]

Air Director Resources Secretariat