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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your e-mail of 7 November 2016 asking about military Search and Rescue (SAR) in Wales. You requested the following information:

*“...a breakdown of the numbers of land based missions conducted by area in Wales during the period 27<sup>th</sup> april 2015 – 26<sup>th</sup> april 2016 split by daytime (8-20:00) and overnight (20:00-08:00). Ideally some stratification by type of mission i.e. medical, transfer, search etc..”*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). We have now completed a search of our paper and electronic records for the information you requested and I can confirm that some information within the scope of your request is held.

Details of SAR activity for 2015 can be found on an excel spreadsheet on the government website at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/military-search-and-rescue-annual-statistics-2015>

The spreadsheet includes date, time, location, number of people moved or rescued and the type of mission. The managed transfer of responsibility for SAR to the civilian Maritime and Coastguard Agency took place over the autumn of 2015. SAR military helicopter activity ceased in December 2015 and therefore the MOD no longer produces SAR statistics.

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.

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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



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