



Ministry of Defence

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Reply to: [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 23 December 2015, which clarified your previous request. As a result of your clarification I have accepted that you have requested the following information:

“1. How many cases of sexual assault and sexual harassment in the Royal Air Force, British Army and Royal Navy were reported in each of the following years: 2010-15?

How many cases were reported by women?

How many cases were reported by men?

2. How many members of the Royal Air Force, British Army and Royal Navy were charged with sexual assault and sexual harassment in each of the following years: 2010-15?

How many were women?

How many were men?”

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I can confirm that the MOD holds information within the scope of your request.

In providing the response I must draw attention to the following caveats:

- Cases have been interpreted as investigations in which the Service Police/Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) were the lead investigating agency and jurisdiction.
- For the Service Police, the term charged has been interpreted as having been referred for charge.
- Sexual Assault has been interpreted as offences contrary to Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003.
- Sexual Harassment has been interpreted as an offence under the Protection From Harassment Act 1997.

The information provided is that recorded by the MOD between 1 January 2010 and 31 December 2015, based on cases where the Service Police or MDP had jurisdiction and the investigative lead. It does not therefore, include cases dealt with by the civilian police.

The information has been collated by the Service Police Crime Bureau's (SPCB) Crime Statistics and Analysis Cell (CSAC) on behalf of the Royal Navy Police, the Royal Military Police and Royal Air Force Police and the MDP information has been collated from the MOD Police crime recording system, known as UNIFI.

In accordance with the Data Protection Act and our obligations in relation to the protection of confidentiality when handling personal data, the figures provided have been rounded to the nearest 10, where “-” denotes zero, “~” denotes a number less than or equal to five. When rounding up to the nearest 10, numbers ending in 5 have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent systematic bias. Due to the rounding methods used, totals may not always equal the sum of the parts.

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 Deputy Chief Information Officer, 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, <http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely

Defence People Secretariat

Royal Navy

	Sexual Assault Reported by Men	Men Referred for Sexual Assault	Sexual Assault Reported by Women	Women Referred for Sexual Assault	Harassment Reported by Men	Men Referred for Harassment	Harassment Reported by Women	Women Referred for Harassment
2010	-	~	~	-	-	-	-	-
2011	~	~	10	-	-	-	~	-
2012	-	~	~	-	-	-	-	-
2013	10	10	10	-	-	-	-	-
2014	~	~	10	~	-	-	~	-
2015	-	-	~	-	-	-	-	-

British Army

2010	20	60	70	-	-	-	-	-
2011	20	20	50	~	~	-	-	-
2012	20	20	40	-	-	-	~	-
2013	10	20	60	~	-	~	~	-
2014	10	10	50	-	-	-	~	-
2015	10	-	20	-	-	-	-	-

Royal Air Force

2010	-	~	10	-	-	-	-	-
2011	-	~	10	~	-	-	~	-
2012	~	~	10	~	-	-	-	-
2013	~	~	~	-	-	-	-	-
2014	~	~	~	-	-	-	-	-
2015	-	-	~	-	-	-	-	-

Notes:

Sexual Assault should be taken as offences contrary to Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003.

Sexual Harassment should be taken as an offence under the Protection From Harassment Act 1997.