



Our ref: 2015/09399
Your ref:

Date 4 November 2015

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 26 October 2015 requesting the following information:

"I did National Service in the RAF and was taken to Porton Down & directed through a barracks type hut and subjected to some sort of gas. Subsequently, whilst still in the RAF I was admitted to Wroughton hospital (in Wiltshire) with meningitis and treated in an isolation room.

Do I have any recourse for this situation ?"

We are treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Under Section 40 (5) (a) the MOD neither confirms nor denies whether it holds any information in scope of your request. This is because of our duty to protect individual's personal data. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and not subject to a public interest test.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance). If you were involved in the MOD service volunteer programme and want to ask for information about your involvement in studies at Porton Down, please contact the freephone Porton Down volunteers' helpline on 0800 783 2521.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, 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

Dstl Secretariat