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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 19 April to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) seeking information about Social Workers. Your email has been treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You stated:

*“How many qualified Social Workers were working on a temporary (agency) basis at the MOD on 1st April 2016 analysed by:*

- 1. Children’s Services*
- 2. Adult Services”*

A search for the information has now been completed within the MOD, and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held. I can confirm that 17 individuals were engaged on temporary contracts as “Social Workers” within the MOD as at 1 April 2016. We are unable to spilt the data between children and adult services.

Please note that the MOD Trading Funds (Defence Support Group, Defence Science and Technology Laboratory, United Kingdom, Hydrographic Office) have delegated authority over pay and personnel issues and information about their civilian staff would have to be sought directly from them.

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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto: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.org.uk>

Yours sincerely,



DBS Secretariat Team