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By email – [REDACTED]

Our Ref: eCase: FOI2016/01516 RFI: 44/16
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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: RAPE ALLEGATIONS

We refer to your email dated 1 February 2016 which was acknowledged on 2 February 2016.

We are treating your email as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000).

In your email of 1 February 2016 you requested the following information:

“1. How many rapes (including allegations of rape) have been reported across your force over the last three years?

Please provide the information in calendar years (January-December, for i)2013 ii)2014 and iii)2015)

This request relates to the year in which the rape was reported to your force, even if this took place at an earlier time. The information requesting all relates to crimes and/or allegations that have been reported, regardless of whether the crime has been solved.

2. For each year separately (the same years as above), please break down by the location where the incident was alleged to have taken place.

For instance, private home, train, school, park, nightclub etc. – depending on how your force logs this information.

Please note: I am not requesting detailed information of the specific location that may lead to the identification of the victim. For instance, the name of a school, or particular train station. Instead, I am seeking the general location of each incident (as much information as you are able to provide without identifying anyone). If there are any cases you are not able to provide - please list these as 'other.'

A search for information has now been completed and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

1. How many rapes (including allegations of rape) have been reported across your force over the last three years?

There have been 3 recorded rapes (or allegations of rape) in the last 3 calendar years.

Please provide the information in calendar years (January-December, for i)2013 ii)2014 and iii)2015)

In 2013 there were two recorded rapes. In 2015 there was one new "Allegation of rape – unconfirmed" offence recorded.

2. For each year separately (the same years as above), please break down by the location where the incident was alleged to have taken place.

I am with withholding the location of the incidents in accordance with Section 40 (2) (personal information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am concerned that precise location details might assist to identify the victims. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is no requirement to evidence harm associated with releasing the information.

The incidents took place in Essex, London and Antrim (Northern Ireland). The alleged incidents occurred on the Ministry of Defence estate.

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 Information Rights Compliance team, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB (email 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 the 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

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