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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 22 September 2015, requesting the following information:

"In 2015 how many Royal Air Force personnel failed the Compulsory Drugs Test?

Out of the failed tests how many were discharged?

How many of the discharged appealed the discharge?

How many won the appeal?"

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held and (as at 28 September 2015) is as follows:

- In 2015, how many RAF personnel failed the Compulsory Drugs Test: 17
- Out of the failed tests how many were discharged: 9 already discharged, 8 cases pending
- How many of those discharged appealed the discharge: No appeals received
- How many won the appeal: Not applicable.

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, 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.

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Yours sincerely,

