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Dear

Thank you for your email of 15 May 2015 requesting the following information:

"The latest Quadrennial Inspection Reports for BRNC Dartmouth?"

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.

The following information you have requested can be found enclosed;

- Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth (Volume 1) Quadrennial Review – August 1999
- Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth (Volume 2) Hardy Block, Quadrennial Review – August 1999
- Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth – Commodor's OSR and Commanders House (to be read in conjunction with Volumes 1 & 2) Quadrennial Review – August 1999
- The Commander's house, Dartmouth – April 2010

However some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemptions provided for at Sections 40 (Personal Data), and qualified exemptions provided for at Sections Section 38 (Health and Safety) of the FOI Act 2000 and has been redacted and withheld.

Section 40(2) has been applied to some of the information in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 1998. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

Section 38 has been applied to some information that if disclosed would be likely to put the physical or mental health and safety of any individual at risk or greater risk. The individual does not need to be identifiable and may be a member of the public, where the danger is to the health or safety of the public at large. The exemption can apply equally to a group or class of people who could have their health and safety adversely affected by disclosure.

Section 38 is a qualified exemption and is subject to public interest testing which means that the information requested can only be withheld if the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in disclosure. The quadrennial inspection reports for BRNC Dartmouth include floor plans and photos of potentially sensitive buildings, and could pose a significant health and safety risk if released

Yours sincerely,

DIO Secretariat

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 DIO Secretariat 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.

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>.