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Dear xxxxxxxxxxxxx

Thank you for your email of 7 August in which you requested the following information:

Is the Countess of Wessex a patron of Kneller Hall Concerts in the Grounds as well as being one of the Colonels of Army Musicians?

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 information in scope of your request is held.

HRH the Countess of Wessex is Colonel-in-Chief, the Corps of Army Music and has no other honorary appointments or patronages in respect to Army Music. Her Royal Highness attended, by invitation, the Third Summer Concert at Kneller Hall on 13 July, however, she is not a Patron of the Concerts. You can find out more about Her Royal Highness's Patronages by visiting the website of the Royal Family at: <a href="https://www.royal.uk/the-countess-of-wessex">https://www.royal.uk/the-countess-of-wessex</a>.

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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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,

Defence People Secretariat