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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 6 March requesting the following information:

An answer to a Parliamentary Question last month showed that children are housed separately from adults at the Military Corrective Training Centre in Colchester... Could you please send me that document in which that policy is stated?

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 the document in scope of your request is held. The document you have requested, the Army General and Administrative Instruction (AGAI) 109, Care for Soldiers under the Age of 18, can be found attached.

You may wish know that since this AGAI was published, the Army's Terms of Service Regulations have been amended so that following the expiry of the statutory right to discharge period, (to which paragraphs 109.004 and 109.005 of the AGAI refer) a soldier now has the right to be discharged at any time up to their 18th birthday, subject to a three month "cooling off" period.

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,

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