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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) dated 10 July in which you requested the following information:

Further to your recent response to me (your ref: FO12015/03926), I would now like to submit a second FOI request enquiring as to which of the offences you listed were historical.

By historical I am referring to the definition used by Kent Police i.e. any offence recorded in a particular year but not necessarily committed in that year.

If the way you record historical offences is different, could you please tell me which of the offences you previously disclosed were historical, alongside your methodology for deciding which offences are classified as historical.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000. Following a search of our records, I can confirm that the MOD does hold information relating to your questions.

The MOD does use the same definition of the term 'historic' as the one given for Kent Police - an incident being reported in a different year or more than one year after it was committed.

The table below contains the information requested:

Year	Sexual Offences recorded as 'Historic'
2010	~
2011	~

2012	~
2013	6
2014	~

Please note:

1. In accordance with the Data Protection Act and our obligations in relation to the protection of confidentiality when handling personal data a figure of 5 or fewer is represented by ~.
2. The above table uses the data previously provided to you in FOI2015/03926, where information was supplied under the following headings "Rape of a Male (SOA 03 s.1)" and "Sexual Assault by Penetration on a Male (SOA03 s.2) and Sexual Assault no Penetration on a Male (SOA03 s.3)".
3. The figures relate to "allegations" and do not take into account issues such as; whether or not the suspect was referred or charged with an offence, whether the complaint was withdrawn, or that there was insufficient evidence to charge or no suspect was identified.
4. Because of the jurisdictional position it should not be assumed that all male victims are a member of the military however every case where we have retained jurisdiction has a military nexus.

I hope that this information will be helpful to you.

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.

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>.

Yours sincerely,

  
Defence People Secretariat