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Dear

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

"In [each year from] 1995 to 2014 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 some of the information in scope of your request is held. Data on the Compulsory Drugs Test (CDT) for the years 1995 to 1997 is not held. Data on appeals (Service Complaints) for the years 1995 to 2009 is also not held. In addition, due to issues with the reporting process before 2010, the accuracy of the data for the years before 2010 cannot be guaranteed. The available data is attached at Annex 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, 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, <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,



Data on RAF Compulsory Drugs Test failures and Service Complaints

Year	Failed CDT	Discharged	Appeals Received	Appeals Won
1995	Not held	Not held	Not held	Not held
1996	Not held	Not held	Not held	Not held
1997	Not held	Not held	Not held	Not held
1998	~	~	Not held	Not held
1999	10*	10*	Not held	Not held
2000	13*	11*	Not held	Not held
2001	18*	18*	Not held	Not held
2002	10*	9*	Not held	Not held
2003	20*	20*	Not held	Not held
2004	24*	24*	Not held	Not held
2005	21*	20*	Not held	Not held
2006	16*	15*	Not held	Not held
2007	14*	14*	Not held	Not held
2008	27*	27*	Not held	Not held
2009	12*	12*	Not held	Not held
2010	28	27	0	0
2011	41	38	0	0
2012	19	17	0	0
2013	31	29	~	~
2014	40	37	0	0

~ Denotes less than 5. This has been applied in accordance with the rounding policy for Defence statistics to prevent the possibility of individuals being identified.

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