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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 23 October in which you requested the following information:

In a previous disclosure (your ref: 02-01-2013-164024- 022) the MOD confirmed the following: "They (ACF CEOs) are required to complete and submit 'Referrals' to the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) in relation to Safeguarding matters in accordance with the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 and other associated legislation."

Please provide me with the number of these referrals made by Nottinghamshire ACF since 2010. Please provide your response in tabulated format, showing each year and the number of referrals made by Nottinghamshire ACF in the year.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. 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. The information you requested is below.

It has been confirmed that no Referrals as described in your request were made to the Disclosure and Barring Service between 2010 and the date of your request.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that a referral to the Disclosure and Barring Service takes place where there are concerns that an individual may have harmed a child or vulnerable adult, or put a child or vulnerable adult at risk of harm. Guidance on when referrals should be made is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-referrals-referral-chart>

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, 2nd 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,

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