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Email: [REDACTED]

17 June 2015

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email dated 10 June 2015 where you requested the following information.

I would like to request a copy of the medical requirements, specifically hearing requirements for entry into the RAF as SNCO Air Traffic Control.

I request this information under the Freedom of Information act (2000)

Both the AFCO's and the medical centre in RAF Cranwell refused to give me this information, instead telling me that I have to undergo a lengthy appeal process(my previous appeal took 6 months to complete) in order to get my medical decision overturned. The reason I ask is that, if I know the standards I require when I get a hearing test done by a third party, I will then know whether my appeal could be upheld or not, rather than have to send it off and wait up to another 6 months to be told pass or fail.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We have now completed a search for the information you requested and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. The information you requested is contained within JSP 950 and the relevant Annex is attached along with the physical requirements information in the role of Senior Non Commissioned Officer (SNCO) Air Traffic Control.

Under Section 16 of the FOI Act, the duty to provide advice and assistance, you may wish to be aware that third party hearing assessments will be afforded no credence. The Armed Forces employ professionally accredited staff to undertake hearing assessments on their behalf, and, unless there is need for third party assessment on their part, the judgement of their specialists will not be influenced by external findings or opinion.

If you are not satisfied with this response or 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,

[Original Signed]

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