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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 06 November 2017 requesting the following information:

"...the historical sea level data that [UKHO] have from the tide stations and/or buoys that you monitor in and around the UK."

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 UKHO, and I can confirm that no information in scope of your request is held.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that UKHO does not routinely monitor or maintain any long-term recording tide gauges (or buoys) around the UK coastline.

The predominance of incoming tidal observations are sourced from other authorities / suppliers who have this equipment permanently installed, such as Port Authorities and Harbour Masters. Another source of such data comes from the Civil Hydrography Programme (CHP) which is sponsored by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA), where short-term tide gauges are laid in support of hydrographic (bathymetric) surveys around the UK coastline.

The primary UK and Ireland authorities who monitor and maintain the tide gauge networks in the UK are as follows (note that the UKHO is not responsible for the content of these websites):-

- National Tidal & Sea Level Facility (NTSLF): <http://www.ntsrf.org/>
- Channel Coast Observatory: <http://www.channelcoast.org/>
- Marine Institute of Ireland: <http://www.marine.ie/Home/site-area/data-services/real-time-observations/real-time-observations>
- Environment Agency: <https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/river-and-sea-levels>

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, Ground 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,

UKHO Secretariat