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Reply to: [redacted] 15 November 2016

Dear [redacted],

Thank you for your email to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) dated 17 October 2016 in which you have requested the following information:

> *"I would like to be provided with all documentation pertaining to all provisions the MOD makes, has made or will make to accommodate soldiers whose first language is Gaelic (Scottish Gaelic)."*

Your correspondence has been treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

A search for the information has now been completed within the MOD, and I can advise that the information you request is not held by the MOD. There are currently no provisions in place for applicants joining the Services with Gaelic as their first language. They are expected to have at least Key Skill Level 1 English.

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, http://www.ico.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

(Original Signed)
Defence People Secretariat