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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail of 01 February 2017, which has been considered to be a request for information under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

In your e-mail you requested the following:

I request copies of complaints against all VRT personnel together their disposals within Scotland and Northern Ireland Region over the period April 2013 – January 2017, inclusive.

A search for the information has now been completed within the MOD, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

It is necessary to apply the exemption at Section 40(2) in this case because the request has the potential to breach the personal data of third parties. Please be advised that considerations have been given to the limited number of units within the Region and its Air Cadet community. Therefore, it is deemed that the provision of any of the documentation related to the complaints, which would include dates and specific details of complaints, could potentially identify individuals (both complainants and respondents). Section 40 is an absolute exemption and does not require a public interest test to be conducted.

Under Section 16 of the FOI Act (the duty to provide advice and assistance), to be helpful, please be advised that a summary of completed complaints against VR(T) personnel in the Scotland and Northern Ireland Region covering the period April 2013 to January 2017 has been compiled in answer to your request. The summary provides the type of complaint and the disposal (outcome).

Please see the response at Annex A.

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, 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,

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Summary of completed complaints against all VR(T) personnel, together with their disposals, within Scotland and Northern Ireland over the period April 2013 to January 2017 inclusive.

Scotland area:

Type of Complaint	Disposal (Outcome)
Other (Process)	Informal Review of process. Lessons learned.
Property - Fraud	Receipts provided & monies paid back. No further action.
Disobedience - Standing Orders	Minor Administrative Action - Informal Warning/Interview.
Discipline - Drunkenness	Formal Warning
Sexual - Sexual Activity	Not taken further by Civil Police. No charges. Service terminated.
Sexual - Indecent Assault	Not taken further by Civil Police. No charges. Minor Administrative Action - Informal Interview.
Bullying	Minor Administrative Action – Informal Interviews

There is a nil return for Northern Ireland.