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Dear XXXXXX,

Thank you for your email of 13 August in which you requested the following information:

As recorded in the JPA system used by the army, how many complaints have been made by Junior Soldiers or their parents/guardians about a) violent behaviour by staff, and b) inappropriate relationships between Junior Soldiers and staff, since 2014?

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. Information requested is detailed below.

The search for the requested data was conducted on JPA in September 2017. JPA is a live system which is updated for retrospective complaints and therefore data can be subject to change.

Year Incident(s) Reported	Number of cases: a) violent behaviour by staff (includes allegations of assault/battery/ill-treatment of subordinate)	Number of cases: b) inappropriate relationships between Junior Soldiers and staff
1 January 2014 – 13 August 2017	50	0

Each reported allegation relates to one suspect but may include more than one alleged incident and/or victim.

These figures are single service estimates only and are not official statistics produced by Defence Statistics.

Figures have been rounded to ten. Rounding is necessary, as a means of disclosure control and the preservation of anonymity; it also improves the clarity of output and conveys an appropriate level of precision to users.

Any reports of such behaviour are taken very seriously and investigated thoroughly. Anyone found to be not upholding the high standards that we expect of our personnel will be dealt with accordingly.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance. Following this, if you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request 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 should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely,

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