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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 21 April 2017 in which you clarified that you were requesting the following information:

*'Details of the number of Compulsory Drugs Tests which have taken place at RM Poole; HMNB Clyde; Churchill Lines, MOD ST Athlan; Sterling Lines Camp Hereford. I would also like details and quantities and type of any drugs found on the above bases. I would also like details of Compulsory Drug Testing for any HM Submarines based at HMNB Clyde. I would also like the details for the past five years.'*

*I would like to clarify the following: I would like details of the type and quantity of drugs found on the named bases, establishments and submarines, if any. I would also like to know whether any armed forces personnel stationed above failed CDT over the time period requested and if so what drugs they tested positive for.*

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) holds some information in scope of your request. The details of the number of times Compulsory Drugs Tests (CDT) have been undertaken at RM Poole; HM Naval Base Clyde including HM Submarines; Churchill Lines, MOD St Athan and Stirling Lines, Camp Hereford including the number of failed Compulsory Drugs Tests and which drugs provided a positive result over the past 5 years can be found at the attached Annex to this letter.

With regard to your request for information in relation to the type and quantity of drugs found during physical searches of the named bases, establishments and submarines over the past 5 year period, the MOD does not hold information in scope of your request.

You may wish to be aware that on average 0.6% of the Armed Forces return a positive result under the MOD's Compulsory Drug Testing programme. The Department is clear that substance misuse is

incompatible with service life and anybody found to have fallen short of our high standards will be disciplined appropriately.

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, Zone D, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto: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

Navy Command Secretariat – FOI Section

Base, Establishment, HM Submarine	No of occasions Compulsory Drugs Testing teams have visited over 5 year period*	No. of fails (over 5 year period)**	Types of Drugs found in Positive CDT's***
<b>Stirling Lines, Hereford</b>	12	~****	Cocaine and Steroids
<b>Churchill Lines, St Athan</b>	17	~	Cocaine, Ecstasy and Steroids
<b>RM Poole</b>	6	~	Cocaine and Steroids
<b>HMNB Clyde</b>	11	19	Cocaine, Cannabis and MDMA
<b>HM Submarines (HMNB Clyde Home Port)</b>	6	~	Cocaine

Notes:

1) \* Figures provided are for the number of occasions a military Compulsory Drugs Testing team have visited each of the bases, establishments or Clyde based HM Submarines over the past 5 years.

2) \*\* Figures provided for the number of Compulsory Drug Tests fails at each of the bases, establishments or Clyde based HM Submarines over the past 5 years.

3) \*\*\* Types of drugs in the table relate to positive urine samples during a Compulsory Drugs Test.

4) \*\*\*\*Numbers smaller than 10 have been suppressed in order to safeguard the confidentiality of individuals in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Suppressed numbers are represented as ~.

5) 5 year period spans 2012-2017

