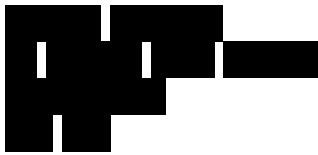




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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) dated 12 October 2016 in which you have requested the following information:

"Date Range to be used: 12.10.2015 to 12.10.2016

Forces:

Army, Navy, RAF including special forces SAS, SBS

*1. How many service personnel have been discharged for possession of illegal drugs including New psychoactive Substances and steroids in the last year
Please provide break in rank and date order*

2. How many finds of drugs have been found on military basis in the UK in the last year

Please provide name of base (where possible) and the drugs found and date

*3. How many service personnel tested for drugs in the last 12mth
How many of the total number tested were positive for for any form of illegal drugs including steroids and New Psychoactive Substances"*

A search for the information has now been completed within the MOD, and I can advise that this department holds information in scope of your request.

For Part 1 of your request I can advise that fewer than five Service personnel have been discharged for possession of illegal drugs including new psychoactive substances and steroids in the last year.

For Part 2 of your request the table at Annex A to this letter details the recoveries of all controlled drugs on military establishments within the UK between 12 Oct 2015 and 11 Oct 2016.

For Part 3 of your request I can advise that MOD Armed Forces personnel are subjected to random Compulsory Drug Tests (CDT). As at 31 September 2016 the following positive results were returned for 2016:

Compulsory Drug Tests (CDT) for 2016, as at 31 September 2016

Army 570 - Royal Navy 60 - Royal Air Force 30

In accordance with the Data Protection Act and our obligations in relation to the protection of confidentiality when handling personal data, the figures provided above, relating to CDT results, have been rounded up to the nearest "10", and numbers ending in a "5" have been rounded the nearest multiple of "20" to prevent the systematic bias caused by rounding numbers upwards.

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

**Recoveries of controlled drugs within military establishments
from 12 October 2015 to 11 October 2016**

This information includes all finds of controlled drugs, which were notified to the Service Police and Ministry of Defence Police (MDP), as well as any drugs recovered by the Service Police or MDP during their investigations (e.g. searches).

Only those cases where physical drugs have been recovered have been included.

Date	Location	Drug Type
27/10/2015	Tidworth Garrison	Steroids MCAT
16/11/2015	Mine Countermeasures (MCM) 2 Squadron	Cocaine
18/11/2015	Her Majesty's Naval Base (HMNB) Clyde	Cannabis
19/11/2015	HMNB Clyde	Cannabis
20/11/2015	HMNB Portsmouth	Cannabis
20/11/2015	HMNB Portsmouth	Cannabis
30/11/2015	Azimghur Barracks, Colerne	Mephedrone
3 - 9/12/2015	Commando Training Centre Royal Marines	Cocaine Ecstasy (MDMA) Steroids
9 - 10/12/2015	Royal Marines Base (RMB) Chivenor	Anabolic Steroid Testosterone enathate MDMA Ethylone Diazepam Cocaine MMC Ketamine Amantadine Oxymethalone Methandrostenolone
5/1/2016	Aldershot Garrison	Cocaine
10/2/2016	RMB Chivenor	Metandienone (Dianabol)
25/02/2016	Army Foundation College (AFC) Harrogate	Cocaine
12/04/2016	HMNB Portsmouth	Amphetamine
14/04/2016	HMNB Clyde	Cannabis
2/05/2016	Dreghorn Barracks, Edinburgh	Cocaine
24/5/2016	Her Majesty's Ship (HMS) Collingwood	Cannabis
25/5/2016	Bulford Garrison	MCAT
27/7/2016	HMS Sultan	Cocaine
5/9/2016	Bulford Garrison	Cannabis
19/9/2016	HMS Raleigh	Cocaine
7/10/2016	HMNB Portsmouth	Cannabis