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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 18 September in response to [REDACTED] in which you requested the following information:

The information held in the JPA [Joint Personnel Administration] system showing a description of the alleged violent behaviour in the 50 cases mentioned in the table, without names and dates.

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. The information you have requested can be found below.

Some of the information falls within the scope of section 40(2) of the FOIA which has been applied to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 1998. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

The table provided in response to FOI2017/07945 was produced by extracting information from JPA.

- In each case a judgement was made as to whether an allegation constituted violent behaviour.
- Allegations which may not have involved violent behaviour against junior soldiers may have been included where the information was unclear.
- No allegations of inappropriate relationships were identified.

In relation to the table below, please note that:

- The allegations are recorded as having been made between 1 January 2014 and 13 August 2017.
- Each allegation will have one suspect but may involve more than one victim. Suspects may have more than one allegation made against them.
- Allegations may result in criminal, disciplinary or administrative investigations. There is no direct correlation between numbers of allegations and any potential criminal or disciplinary charges brought, or administrative action taken.
- All those who are found to have committed an offence under the Armed Forces Act or are found to have fallen short of the Army's Values and Standards are dealt with through the disciplinary process (either at Court Martial or Summary Hearing) or administratively as appropriate.

- Allegation details have been grouped with some information removed and numbers rounded, to protect personal information.
- Some of these allegations remain the subject of an ongoing investigation, disciplinary or administrative process, including those relating to the ongoing Court Martials.

Allegation Description	Number of Allegations
Assault	~
Assault, Ill Treatment	25
Battery	~
Battery, Ill Treatment	5
Bullying	~
Conduct Prejudicial to Good Order	~
Contravention of Standing Orders	~
Degrading Treatment	~
Failure to Perform a Duty	~
Ill Treatment	10
Threatening and Abusive Behaviour	~
Total	50

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

Figures have been rounded to five. 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. The total has been rounded separately and so may not equal the sum of the rounded parts.

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Yours sincerely,



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