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Thank you for your email of 23 January in which you requested the following information:

'In each of the individual years: 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.

- 1) *How many individual Army training staff were subject to a misconduct investigation whilst deployed at Army Foundation College Harrogate?*
- 2) *How many individual Army training staff subject to a misconduct investigation at Army Foundation College Harrogate, subsequently faced disciplinary action?*

For clarity Army training staff is defined as those training staff who are enlisted individuals and does not include civilian staff.

Misconduct investigations refer to offences recorded in the Joint Personnel Administration system, and refer to allegations of selling of cigarettes to Junior Soldiers; Ill-treatment of a subordinate; Violent offences (e.g. Common Assault/Battery, ABH); and Fraternising/Inappropriate Relationship with a Junior Soldier.'

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence holds this information. However, some of the information is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), because it is reasonably accessible to you by other means. The information for years 2006 to 2013 can be found in the public domain at this link:

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-12-02/56008/>

The complete information for 2014 through to 2017 is provided in the table below for consistency. Please note that:

- One case may include more than one incident.
- Numbers have been rounded to the nearest 5 in accordance with Government Statistical convention.
- ~ denotes less than 5, in order to reduce the possible inadvertent disclosure of individual identities.

Year Incident(s) Reported	Number of Cases*	Number of Cases where Disciplinary Action has been taken (i.e. Summary Hearing, Court Martial or Administrative Action)	Number of Cases which were Discounted (e.g. insufficient evidence)	Number of Case where the Outcome has not been properly recorded on JPA Discipline	Number of Cases which are still ongoing
2014	10	~	~	0	~
2015	20	5	5	0	5
2016	5	~	~	0	~
2017	~	0	0	0	~

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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