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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 5 January in which you requested the following information:

- *"The regulations that detail how the Army are able/allowed to engage with charities, and whether military charities receive any form of special dispensation above that given to general charities.*
- *Are certain military charities eligible for extra support over and above that made available to the rest?*
- *Information on whether said regulations are MoD - wide or Army specific.*
- *The rules on currently serving personnel acting as Patrons/Ambassadors/Supporters of charities, and subsequently promoting their involvement via general media".*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence.

The information is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), because it is reasonably accessible to you by other means. It is already in the public domain: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/672949/JSP462_Pt1.pdf. The specific sections that may be relevant are Chapter 14 para 14.46 and Chapter 17. This document is tri-service guidance.

Each time a charity makes a request for support from the Army, it is looked at and treated on its own merit. As mentioned in JSP 462, the MOD does not seek to give preferential treatment to service charities over other charities. However, in some cases, where there is a benefit to Defence, the MOD will seek to support service charities. The MOD does not comment on the level of support given.

Service personnel are permitted to hold roles or support charities as a private life activity and those who wish to support a charity should do so in their own time using their own resources. They are reminded to only publicise such support on their own personal social media accounts that are not associated to their roles. The MOD does give approval on occasions for service personnel to hold roles and wear uniform to raise funds in support of service charities. This is done as an off-duty as a private life activity.

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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