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Dear

Thank you for your email to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) dated 7 March 2018 in which you requested the following information:

"Please can you send me a list of all professional rugby clubs who have signed the Armed Forces Covenant."

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 by the MOD, and I can advise that your request is exempt under Section 21 of the FOIA as the information is already available to you. Information on the businesses who have signed the Armed Forces Covenant, including professional rugby clubs, is published on the internet and is available at the following link:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/search-for-businesses-who-have-signed-thearmed-forces-covenant

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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 CIOFOI-IR@mod.gov.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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Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at https://ico.org.uk/.

Yours sincerely,

Defence People Secretariat