

Ref: FOI2017/11323

Reply to: [REDACTED]

8 December 2017

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 9 November 2017 requesting the following information:

"How many people have been discharged from the Armed Forces for reported sexual assault or rape in each of the last five years, and how many of these individuals were arrested and prosecuted under MOD proceedings for these crimes in the same period"

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

I can advise you that part of your request is exempt under Section 21 of the FOIA as the information is already available to you. The figures for the number of people who were discharged from the Armed Forces for reported sexual assault or rape in the last five years, who were arrested and prosecuted under MOD proceeding can be found in the published Court Martial results site at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/court-martial-results-from-the-military-court-centres#fullhistory>

Under Section 16 of the FOI Act (Advice and Assistance) I can advise that in addition to the published Court Martial results, the figures in the table below show the number of individuals who were discharged from the Armed Forces for reported sexual assault or rape in the last five years who were arrested and prosecuted under civil proceedings:

Year	No of people discharged
2013	~
2014	10
2015	10
2016	10
1 Jan 17 – 1 Nov 17	10

In accordance with the Data Protection Act and our obligations in relation to the protection of confidentiality when handling personal data, disclosure control has been applied to the figures provided in the table above. Disclosure control is necessary when presenting numeric information, to safeguard the confidentiality of individuals, to protect commercially sensitive information, or where sharing the statistics may pose a threat to security.

The figures provided in this response have been rounded to the nearest 10, where “-” denotes zero, “~” denotes a number less than or equal to five. When rounding up to the nearest 10, numbers ending in a “5” have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent the systematic bias caused by always rounding numbers upwards. For example; a value of ‘25’ would be rounded down to ‘20’ and a value of ‘15’ would be rounded up to ‘20’.

Additionally, totals and sub-totals are rounded separately and so may not equal the sums of their rounded parts.

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 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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