

Ministry of Defence Main Building Whitehall London SW1A 2HB

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Reply to:

25 October 2017

Dear

Thank you for your email of 17 October 2017 requesting the following information:

"I am aware of the CEP programme and its attempts to make the Cadet experience available to a much wider group of children within state schools. I read that there are anything between 190 and 300 CEP schools in the programme, however after much research I can only find 47 listed, are you able to tell me the complete list of those schools who have actually signed up as CEP units as of October 2017?"

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

I can advise you that following a search of our records, I have established that the information you requested is held by the Ministry of Defence (MOD). However, under Section 21 of FOIA the MOD is not obliged to supply information that is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.

A list of state schools which have been approved to have cadet units between November 2015 – October 2016 was published here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/649276/20170929St ate schools approved for CEP.pdf

An updated list of state schools which have been approved to have cadet units up to 3 October 2017 is available at this link:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/state-schools-with-cadet-units

The latest (complete) list of schools which have been approved to have a new cadet unit under the Cadet expansion Programme (CEP) is available from the Gov.uk internet site here: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/state-schools-with-cadet-units#full-history

Under Section 16 of the FOI Act (Advice and Assistance) I can provide the follow advice: The link below gives more information about the CEP:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/cadet-forces-units-information-for-state-funded-schools

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 <u>CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk</u>). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of 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/.

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