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Dear :

Thank you for your recent enquiry of 20 July 2018 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

*"I would like to know the nos of staff that have been dismissed by UKSV SINCE 2013 and the reasons why".*

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held. However, in order to protect personal information governed by the Data Protection Act 2018, Section 40(2) of the FOIA has been applied to some of the information by supplementing numbers less than 5 with a tilde (~). Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

As you will be aware, United Kingdom Security Vetting (UKSV) came into existence only as of 1 Jan 2017 when it merged with the FCO Services security vetting organisation. Prior to that, the organisation existed under the official title of Defence Business Services National Security Vetting (DBS NSV) during the period covered by your request. The table below shows the number of individuals who were in any one of these organisations at the time of their dismissal during the period 1 January 2013 to 31 July 2018 and the reason why. The numbers do not include FCOS staff prior to 1 January 2017.

Dismissal Reason	Total
Conduct	~
Dismissal Attendance	~
Dismissal Ill Health	5
Dismissal-Fraud & Theft	~
Grand Total	10

\*In line with departmental policy ~ represents fewer than 5, values have been rounded to the nearest 5.

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.gov.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-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.

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/>.

Yours sincerely,

Defence Business Services (Secretariat)