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Dear [REDACTED]

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: CHILD EXPLOITATION INVESTIGATIONS**

I refer to your e-mail dated 02 August 2018, which was acknowledged on 03 August 2018.

We are treating your e-mail as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000).

In your e-mail you requested the following information:

**“I would like to receive information regarding child sexual exploitation (CSE) investigations since 2003, specifically:**

- Could you provide a list of police ‘Operations’ with their codenames i.e. ‘Operation Sanctuary’ carried out by the force since 2003. Please indicate the dates between which the operation ran.**
- Please provide a summary of the outcome of the operation including the number of convictions under Sexual Offences Act 2003 as a result of the operation. If possible, could you indicate whether convictions were made under S14,15 or 15A of the SOA 2003.”**

A search for information has now been completed by the Ministry of Defence Police and I can confirm that we do hold information in scope of your request.

Please see the table below:

Operation Name	Dates Active	Number of persons convicted as a result of arrests	Number of persons convicted under S14, 15 & 15A	Summary of outcome

		made under Op xx	of the Sexual Offences Act 2003	
Op Aerospace	15/12/2005- 21/12/2006	1	0	7.5 months imprisonment Notice of disqualification from working with Children A sexual offences preservation order.
Op Coty	02/04/2008- 12/03/2009	1	0	8 months imprisonment SOPO for 10 years On the sex offenders register for life.

These offences are abhorrent crimes which have no place in our Armed Forces. All allegations are thoroughly investigated, and anyone found to fall short of the services' high standards or to have committed an offence under the Armed Forces Act is dealt with appropriately, up to and including dismissal from service.

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). 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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