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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 5 April requesting the following information:

“Could you please provide the number of personnel within the Army, Navy and Air Force who have been referred to Prevent/Channel over the past five years?”

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 some information in scope of your request is held.

Section 40(2) has been applied to some of the information in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 1998. Therefore, figures below 5 in the following table have been anonymised. 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.

Service	No. of Referrals
Royal Navy	-
Army	~
Royal Air Force	~

Notes:

- Denotes Zero

~ Denotes Five or Fewer

Please note that these figures are single Service estimates and are not official statistics produced by Defence Statistics, and therefore will differ from those produced at the Home Office.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note the Ministry of Defence (MOD) has developed a policy that aims to drive engagement between Defence units/establishments and local/regional Prevent partnerships where this does not already exist. The MOD will generate a foundation level awareness across the Department of the aims of Prevent and the referral process through Home Office Prevent e-learning products and will develop a framework across Defence to demonstrate due regard to the need to prevent individuals from being drawn into terrorism.

In view of Section 6 of the Counter-Terrorism Security Act 2015, recruits in all Phase One training establishments receive a Prevent brief. Since April 2018, 17 training establishments have been Ofsted inspected, and none has been criticised for their Prevent training. Under new policy issued in March 2019, all MOD personnel should conduct some form of Prevent training at least once. Our aspiration is that this will form part of mandatory annual training.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact us in the first instance at the address above. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for 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 must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint 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. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

Defence People Secretariat.