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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 24/06/2019 requesting the following information:

"I'm doing some research and analysis about the Royal Navy and Royal Marines. I've seen the report (and tables) of the Armed forces continuous survey, which are very useful. However, I would need to run some cross-tabulation analysis especially about personal life (Section 21) of the armed forces. How do I get access to the raw data of the survey?"

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, the information to which this request relates is exempt under Section 40(2) – Personal Information. This section applies as the information requested constitutes personal data and satisfies the condition that, the disclosure of this information would contravene data protection principles.

The MOD may be able to provide some information in scope of your request if you can provide further clarification. For example, if there are a subset of questions within the Armed Forces Continuous Attitude Survey (AFCAS) that you are particularly interested in. Please contact us if you would like to refine your request or require advice on doing so.

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 me in the first instance. 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 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, <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

Defence Statistics (Surveys).