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Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your email of 10 October 2019 requesting the following information:

> *"Please disclose the number of serving service personnel currently on the sex offenders register; Please provide a breakdown showing how many of these individuals are in the Army, RAF or Navy."*

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 the Ministry of Defence holds information in scope of your request.

There are currently 2 Service personnel on the Sex Offenders Register, both of whom are in the Army.

Under Section 16 of FOIA (Advice and Assistance) it may be helpful if I explain that any Service Personnel convicted of a sexual offence and subject to any requirements as set out in the Sexual Offences Act (SOA) 2003 (more recognised as the Sex Offenders Register (SOR)) will be discharged in all but exceptional circumstances.

If a decision was taken to retain an individual, but the conditions stipulated in the notification requirements are such that it makes career management of the Service person unviable, then application for discharge or termination would be considered.

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.

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Yours sincerely,

Defence People Secretariat FOI.