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Dear [REDACTED]

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION – INFORMATION RELATING TO THE NISGS – EMERGENCY HEALTH ISSUES**

Thank you for your e-mail dated 14 January, I can confirm that your request has been considered under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI (A)), and the process is now complete.

You asked for the following:

***“How many heart attacks are known to have occurred involving NISGS officers on duty?”***

The Northern Ireland Security Guard Service (NISGS) do not hold or maintain records of this nature. If records were held or maintained they would be exempt under S40 Personal Information. Under FOI(A) this information is exempt under Section 40 (2) by reason of the first condition under Section 40 (3) (a) (i), as disclosure would contravene data protection principles under the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA 2018). This is an absolute exemption and does not require a public interest test to be conducted.

***“What Level of Medical training is given to NISGS officers?”***

The NISGS officers are trained in Battlefield Casualty Drills (BCD) during Initial and Continuation Training.

***“Who is expected to be the first responders to medical emergencies on MOD sites in Northern Ireland?”***

Anyone who is in the vicinity of a sick or injured individual would be expected to render first aid and call for an ambulance.

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 FOI(A).

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

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