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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request of 22 April 2020 asking for the following information:

“My FOI request relates to the Cadet Forces and Cadet Forces Adult Volunteers.

- (a) How many claims are brought per year against the MoD relating to personal injuries to cadets who are members of the Cadet Forces?*
- (b) How many of these claims relate to the alleged negligence of CFAVs?*
- (c) How many claims have been brought against the MoD relating to alleged negligence of CFAVs?*
- (d) In how many of these cases (if any) was the CFAV sued alongside the MoD?*
- (e) Do you have any record of any personal injury case where the claim was brought against a CFAV personally, either alongside or separately from the MoD?”*

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. I am writing to confirm that information in scope of your request is held. We have provided data from 1 May 2016 to 31 March 2020. Numbers fewer than five have been suppressed in order to reduce the possible inadvertent disclosure of individual identities.

I will respond to your questions in the order that they have been posed.

(a) 68 personal injury claims were brought against the MoD by cadets I have placed the information in the table below for your ease.

Year	Number of personal injuries suffered by cadets
2016	7
2017	16
2018	12
2019	27
2020 (to April)	6

(b) and (c) I can confirm that 50 of these claims have been brought against the MoD relating to alleged negligence of CFAVs.

(d) and (e) I can confirm that 5 or fewer of these cases listed a CFAV as a co-defendant alongside MoD. Please note there were 2 cases where we do not hold this information. (e) We have no information on private claims brought against an individual personally.

Under Section 16, the figures presented in this response have been compiled from live data, which are continually updated and cleansed by MOD contractors. Figures were correct as at 12 August 2020.

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Yours sincerely,

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