

Ref: FOI2020/12675

12 January 2021

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail of 18 November 2020 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), requesting the following information:

“Please can you send me details covering the last five years for which the information is available of:

- 1. The amount spent in each year on courses provided by Common Purpose?*
- 2. The number of members of staff sent on such courses each year?*
- 3. The names of any senior members of staff who attended the courses in those years?”*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and should like to apologise for the delay in this reply.

A search for the information has now been completed within the MOD and I can confirm that no information in scope of your request is held.

This is because non-compulsory training undertaken by an individual themselves is not required to be recorded on the Human Resources Management System, as such, there are no records of staff undertaking these courses.

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). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely

Defence Business Services Secretariat