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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your e-mail of the 28 February 2020 requesting the following information;

*Between 1 January 2017 and 31 December 2017, how many allegations of racial abuse were made against ATC volunteers? How many of these cases were referred to the police for investigation? How many of the offenders were subsequently dismissed from their positions within the organisation?*

*Between 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2018, how many allegations of racial abuse were made against ATC volunteers? How many of these cases were referred to the police for investigation? How many of the offenders were subsequently dismissed from their positions within the organisation?*

*Between 1 January 2019 and 31 December 2019, how many allegations of racial abuse were made against ATC volunteers? How many of these cases were referred to the police for investigation? How many of the offenders were subsequently dismissed from their positions within the organisation?*

Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request, which has been due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic and the effect on resources and necessary changes to our ways of working.

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 and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

In accordance with the Data Protection Act and our obligations in relation to the protection of confidentiality when handling personal data, data have been rounded to the nearest 10, where "0" denotes zero and "~" denotes a number less than or equal to 5.

	Allegations of racial abuse made to the MOD (Air Training Corps Volunteers)	Allegations referred to Police	Staff/Volunteers dismissed following allegations and/or investigation of racial abuse
2017	~	0	0
2018	~	~	0
2019	0	0	0



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Yours sincerely

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