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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 29 January 2022 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), requesting:

Can I please have a copy of all emails, messages, notes from meetings regarding the decision to not formally publish the details around concerns regarding Medical Advisors used by Veterans UK in the Minutes of the Veterans Advisory Board meeting dated 16th November 2021.

Detailed notes from several of those at the meeting clearly mention concerns around Veterans UK Medical Advisors, why was this omitted from the formal minutes of the meeting?

Who made the decision that the formal minutes were not to reflect the actual discussions that were had?

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 MOD and I can confirm no information in scope of your request is held.

Under Section 16 of the FOIA (Advice and Assistance), you may wish to be aware that the Veterans Advisory Board is presided over by the Office of Veterans Affairs (OVA) who sit under the Cabinet Office. The OVA organise the meeting and complete the minutes. They can be contacted at the following address:

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Yours sincerely

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