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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: VETTING PROCESS.

We refer to your email dated 27th July 2023 to the Ministry of Defence, which we acknowledged on the 27th July 2023.

We are treating your email as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000).

In your email you requested the following information:

Thank you. I would like 1.3 and 6.1 to 6.7 treated as part of a new FOIA request.

1.3 Do you always check an applicant's identity against their National Insurance number?

6.1 Do you have a separate and/or confidential vetting process or procedure available for transgender people?

6.7 Name and gender records are held on the Police Elimination Database (PED) with the content of these fields being that which was originally detailed by the person when they gave the DNA sample unless subsequently amended. Do you have a process for amending the details on the PED so that the name and gender records of an employee who transitions during your employment can be changed? Please provide documentation setting out the process.

A search for information has now been completed by the Ministry of Defence Police and I can confirm that we do hold information in scope of your request.

Thank you. I would like 1.3 and 6.1 to 6.7 treated as part of a new FOIA request.

1.3 Do you always check an applicant's identity against their National Insurance number?

The Ministry of Defence Police do not check the applicants identity against their National Insurance Number.

6.1 Do you have a separate and/or confidential vetting process or procedure available for transgender people?

The vetting application used allows cases which are sensitive to be marked as such in order that a smaller cohort of the Vetting Unit have access.

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Biometric samples (fingerprints and DNA) are not collected from members of the Ministry of Defence Police and details of officers are therefore not held on the PED.

If you are dissatisfied with 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). Internal review requests should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely

MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office