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Dear 

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 24 March 2021 in which you requested the following information:

'The 2015 Modern Slavery Act confers on "a person who is a commissioned officer of any of Her Majesty's ships, or ... a person in command or charge of any aircraft or hovercraft of the Royal Navy, the Army or the Royal Air Force" certain enforcement powers in to the 2015 Modern Slavery act regarding ships in UK territorial waters.

Since 2015 what training have Royal Navy officers received in relation to the exercise of these powers, and which organisation or organisations have provided this training?'

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. In response to your request, I can advise that the Royal Navy (RN) does not currently provide specific Modern Slavery Training to RN Officers as part of the Phase 1 or Phase 2 training requirement. However, Commanding Officers and Executive Officers are briefed to report any instances of suspected slavery and human trafficking and will receive further guidance on such an occasion.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely

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