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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail of 19 April requesting the following information below as a result of the internal review outcome for your previous FOI request reference FOI2024/05110:

“According to this internal review, the JSP 579 is being revised and does not reflect current practice.

When will a revised version be available for viewing?

What is the current practice of the MoD for providing support to NNMPs?.”

I am treating your correspondence as a new request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). A search for the information requested has been undertaken and I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence does hold some information within the scope of your request.

The answer to question one is not held. A release date for JSP 579 has not been decided.

The information you have requested for question two is exempt under Section 21 of the FOIA (Information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means). Section 21 is an absolute exemption, there is no requirement to consider the public interest in making the decision to withhold the information. The information you seek as previously advised is contained within JSP 579 which is publicly available via the following link :
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/policy-and-processes-for-non-news-media-projects-jsp-579>

Under section 16 of the FOI Act Advice and Assistance the MOD follows the broad principles of JSP 579, even if we don't record outcomes of rejected NNMPs as stated on the flow chart on p13, which was the focus of your original request.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for 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 must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website www.ico.org.uk

Yours sincerely,
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