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Dear Dr Briant,

Thank you for your email dated 16 September 2020 requesting the following information:

*'...how long these clearances<sup>1</sup> applied to X number of individuals in this specific company<sup>2</sup>.'*

We are treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

A search for the information has been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and we can confirm that no information in scope of your request is held.

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance), we would explain that on 1 April 2020 United Kingdom Security Vetting (UKSV) transitioned from MOD into the Cabinet Office and now sits within the Government Security Group (GSG). UKSV is the single government provider of National Security Vetting. Due to the transition of UKSV to the Cabinet Office MOD does not hold information relating to security clearances held by SCL employees.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/united-kingdom-security-vetting>  
[foi-team@cabinetoffice.gov.uk](mailto:foi-team@cabinetoffice.gov.uk)

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 us 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](mailto: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.

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Yours sincerely,

Directorate of Security & Resilience

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<sup>1</sup> Counter Terrorist Check (CTC), Security Check (SC), Developed Vetting (DV)

<sup>2</sup> Strategic Communication Laboratories (SCL)