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Dear Ms Sugrass,

Thank you for your email of 15 November 2013 requesting the following information:

“Please could you give me the figures for the number of sexual assaults, including rape, of a) men and b) women reported to the Military Police for the last three years.

How many of these reported assaults were investigated, please?

If you could break these numbers down by offence, that would be much appreciated.”

This has been considered as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI Act).

I am writing to confirm that the Ministry of Defence holds information within the scope of your request. Please find, at Annex A below, details of rape and sexual assaults (sections 1, 2 & 3 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 (SOA 03)) reported to the Service Police between 1 November 2010 and 26 November 2013. The information has been collated by the Service Police Crime Bureau (SPCB) on behalf of the Royal Navy Police, the Royal Military Police and the Royal Air Force Police. All the incidents were investigated.

The information has been extracted from a database known as “REDCAP”. While REDCAP can be searched in various ways (for example, via crime classification, date of offence or date of birth), problems with the way information has been electronically recorded over many years means that its search tools do not enable it to provide accurate answers to questions of this kind. The SPCB has therefore made a general (“catch all”) search of REDCAP using its existing search facilities (based on, amongst other things, crime classifications) followed by manual checks on records to determine (a) whether the information held on REDCAP is accurate; (b) whether it falls within the scope of the question; and, (c), if so, to extract the required information from the investigative records in order to provide details of case outcomes.

The data provided is based on cases where the Service Police have jurisdiction and the investigative lead. It does not, therefore, include cases which have been dealt with by the civilian police, including the Ministry of Defence Police, for which only limited information is held.

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 Deputy Chief Information Officer, 2nd Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOxxxx@xxx.xx). 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 CN47: Standard response template: Public Interest Test Time Extension review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

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**Rape and sexual assaults (sections 1, 2 & 3 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 (SOA 03))
reported to the Service Police between 1 November 2010 and 26 November 2013**

Section 1 SOA 03 - Rape

Year	Male	Female	Total
2010	0	1	1
2011	2	23	25
2012	4	23	27
2013	4	25	29
Total	10	72	82

Section 2 SOA 03 – Sexual assault by penetration

Year	Male	Female	Total
2010	0	2	2
2011	4	8	12
2012	3	4	7
2013	4	6	10
Total	11	20	31

Section 3 SOA 03 – Sexual assault no penetration

Year	Male	Female	Total
2010	2	12	14
2011	8	40	48
2012	8	27	35
2013	13	30	43
Total	31	109	140

	Overall Total
Male	52
Female	201
	253