



Ministry of Defence

Ministry of Defence
Main Building
Whitehall
London SW1A 2HB
United Kingdom

Ref: FOI2019/02017

Telephone: +44 (0)20 7218 9000

E-mail: DIRes-SecFOI@mod.gov.uk

Mr Jonathon Douglas
request-552589-
dcba156b@whatdotheyknow.com

28 Feb 19

Dear Mr Jonathon Douglas

Dear Mr Douglas,

Thank you for your email of 14 February requesting the following information:

“Please could you provide me with a lists of the courses and their duration (preferably in weeks) which are provided by the Joint Intelligence Training Group at Chicksands.”

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

Your request falls under the scope of Section 24(1) (National Security), and Section 26(1)(b) (Defence) of the FOIA. Sections 24 and 26 are qualified exemptions and as such is subject to public interest testing.

While there is a presumption towards disclosure under the Act where possible, and there may be public interest in knowing what courses are available at the Joint Intelligence Training Group, releasing such information would be prejudicial to the safeguarding of S24 National Security because it would provide a comprehensive list of MOD's intelligence capabilities to potentially hostile actors.

In addition, by publishing the list of courses our intelligence capability would be compromised as it would reveal the intelligence capability the training courses teach and prejudice the capability, effectiveness or security of the Armed Forces S26.

A public interest test has been conducted, and the balance of public interest is determined to lie in withholding the information you requested. Providing such a list of intelligence courses revealing subject and duration would prejudice the capability, effectiveness or security of the Armed Forces and thereby be prejudicial to the safeguarding of national security. A level of prejudice for S26 has been set at the lower level of 'would be likely to'.

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, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.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, <http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

Joint Forces Command, Defence Intelligence Secretariat