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Dear R N Stebbings,

Thank you for your email of 16 March in which you requested the following information:

1. *Please provide the current number of serving officers in Nottingham shire Army cadet force who have a criminal record or cautions? Be they,*
 - A. *Newly appointed*
 - B. *returned from leave of absence*
 - C. *returned from a leave of absence whilst criminal proceedings took place'*

2. *Please provide the current number of serving officers in Lincolnshire Army cadet force who have a criminal record or cautions? Be they,*
 - A. *Newly appointed*
 - B. *returned from leave of absence*
 - C. *returned from a leave of absence whilst criminal proceedings took place'*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD), and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. Some of this information is exempt from release under section 40 (Personal Data) of the FOIA. Section 40(2) has been applied to some of the information to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 2018. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in deciding to withhold the information.

In answer to your request, fewer than five serving Cadet Force Adult Volunteer (CFAV) Officers in the Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire Army Cadet Force (ACF) have a criminal record. Please note that this figure is a single service estimate and is not an official statistic produced by Defence Statistics.

Please note that a criminal conviction does not necessarily prohibit an individual from being successful in becoming a CFAV and serving in the ACF. All CFAVs must undergo appropriate background checks before having unsupervised access to cadets. When offences are identified during that process it is the responsibility of the Cadet Commandant to decide whether to appoint the applicant. If it is disclosed that an applicant is on the Barred List for working with children and vulnerable adults, the applicant must not be permitted to join the ACF, and the individual should be reported to the police.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance. Following this, if you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request 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.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely,

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