Dear Mr Zacchi,

Thank you for your email of 06 May 2021 in which you requested the following:

_Could you provide further information on the 'Medical Operational Support Group' and '29 Pre-Hospital Divisional Medical Group'? Also, if available could you advise what officer leads these groups (rank), where they are located, and they subordinate units (if any). Also, if you could advise which brigade/division/command these groups report to, that would be greatly appreciated._

You subsequently clarified your request on 21 May as follows:

_With regard to "further information", I'm inquiring about information regarding what the role of these groups are, their formation date, any future plans, the predecessor unit, or any other relevant information regarding the purpose of these new groups._

As advised in my letter dated 21 May, I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act). I can advise that information related to your request is held by the department, and is provided below:

**Medical Operational Support Group (MOSG)**
Formation date: July 2015
HQ location: Strensall
Subordinate units: Nil
Higher formation: 2 Medical Brigade
Officer lead: OF4 (Lieutenant Colonel)
Predecessor unit: Nil
Role: A Reserve unit which provides operational health service support (HSS) staff to augment formation headquarters.

**29 Pre-Hospital Divisional Medical Group**
Formation date: June 2018
HQ location: Bulford
Subordinate units: 1, 4 & 5 Armoured Medical Regiments
Higher formation: 101 Logistics Brigade
Officer lead: OF5 (Colonel)
Predecessor unit: Nil
Role: Responsible for the maintenance of combat effectiveness of Force Elements at Readiness and oversight of medical provision to 3rd (United Kingdom) Division, and the outputs of 1, 4 and 5 Armoured Medical Regiments.

It has been recognised that you have submitted a large number of Freedom of Information requests to the Department. Whilst there is not a limit in the Act on how many requests an individual can submit, a large number of requests over a short period of time could be seen as an attempt to disrupt the work of the Department and as such, could be viewed as vexatious behaviour (Section 14 of the Act). I understand in previous correspondence that you have been encouraged to attempt to conduct your own searches for the relevant information on the gov.uk and Armed Forces websites, prior to making a request for recorded information to the Department. The British Army’s website is: https://www.army.mod.uk/.

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 (email: 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,

Army Policy & Secretariat