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Dear Mr Gee,

Thank you for your email of 4 November 2021 in which you asked for the following information:

In respect of the 60 formal complaints of violent abuse of recruits by staff at the Army Foundation College between 2014 and 2020, as reported in this answer to a parliamentary question [Link](#) in how many cases was wrongdoing confirmed following investigation (e.g. by means of court martial/summary hearing/administrative action etc.)?

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000 noting your comments on the original response. A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that the information in scope of your request is held and can be found below:

Of the 40 concluded cases that were dealt with at either Court Martial, Summary Hearing or as Administrative Action, a total of 13 resulted in a finding of wrongdoing.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that the actual total has now increased to 62, as the original PQ response contained rounded information; of those 22 cases were discontinued. The MPs follow up question regarding the outcomes of the cases was publicly answered in a response available at the following link:

[Deposited paper DEP2020-0742 - Deposited papers - UK Parliament](#)

Notes/Caveats

1. Specific details of each case and their related final outcomes cannot be disclosed.
2. Please note that the figures provided are single Service estimates based on data which is not gathered for statistical purposes or subject to the same level of scrutiny as official statistics produced by Defence Statistics. The figures provided may therefore be subject to data quality issues affecting their accuracy.

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Yours sincerely,

Army Secretariat