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Dear Mr Pritchard,

Thank you for your email of 31 August 2015 in which you requesting the following information:

'Please provide a copy of the information briefed to service personnel during Operation Granby with regards to administering vaccinations on which the alleged informed consent was based on.'

I am writing to confirm that we are treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Your request is exempt under Section 21 of the FOI Act because the information is accessible to you by other means.

Reports produced by the Ministry of Defence about the 1990/91 Gulf Veterans illnesses are available from the National Archives. The report that is of most relevance is the report titled "Implementation of the Immunisation Programme against Biological Warfare Agents for UK Forces During the Gulf Conflict 1990/91"

The report is available at the following link -

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20050328231439/http://mod.uk/issues/gulfwar/info/medical/bwa.htm>."

If you are not satisfied with this response or 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-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

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