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Dear Mr Tritton,

Thank you for your email of 20 October 2015 where you refined your request to:

*How many current Army cadet force volunteers who have been ,  
Newly appointed  
returned from leave of absence  
returned from a leave of absence for criminal proceedings to take place  
in the last six months have a criminal record or caution?  
How many ACF volunteers with a criminal record or caution were enrolled per county in the  
last 10 years?' Tabulated per county*

*Please provide the current number of CFAV suspended from duty at the date of this  
request pending investigations relating to any disciplinary matters  
please detail numbers of officers and NCO,s separately per ACF county*

*For these areas only: Manchester, Nottingham, and Derby.*

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

I can am writing to confirm that MOD holds the information on the subject you have requested, however even though you have reduced the scope of your original request, we are still unable to answer it without exceeding the appropriate limit. This is because the information is not held centrally. There are currently approximately 600 Army Cadet Force Adult Volunteers in the areas you have specified; this would be the minimum number of personal files we would need to review for retrieval and extraction of the requested information. It is estimated this would take 120 hours of aggregated effort. To cover the time period you have stated (10 years) would mean that considerably more files would need to be examined.

As I explained in my previous letter, Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for central government is set at £600, or 24 hours of aggregated effort. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3.5 working days in determining whether the department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting it.

The MOD may be able to provide some information in scope of your request if you further reduced or refined it to bring the cost of compliance under the limit, for example, if you were to ask 'how many Army Cadet Force Adult Volunteers have been newly appointed within the past 6 months' or 'How many officers and NCOs are there per area'. Alternatively, if you are particularly interested in

the policy and regulations for MOD Sponsored Cadet Forces or our Safeguarding Children Policy we may be able to help. I regret that the other parts of your request would each individually breach the cost constraint detailed above, as would narrowing your request to an individual area. Please contact me if you would like to refine your request or require advice on doing so.

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](mailto: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, <https://ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

Army Secretariat.