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Dear Mr Brown,

Thank you for your email of 16 October 2020 requesting the following information:

"Please furnish copies of minutes of all meetings between MOD/DIO and HCAF Liaison Group for the areas of Surrey and Hampshire between 1st January 2019 to present.

I believe meetings are held on a quarterly basis.

In keeping with FOI privacy it is acceptable for the names of attendees to be redacted but wherever possible the organisation or group represented should be preserved."

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 some information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found enclosed at Annexes A-D but some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemptions provided for at Section 40 (Personal Data) of the FOIA and has been redacted.

Section 40(2) has been applied to some of the information in order to protect personal information as governed by the General Data Protection Regulation and Data Protection Act 2018. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely,

DIO Secretariat