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Dear Robin,

Thank you for your enquiry of 25 July 2022 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), in which you asked the following:

'Under the FOI Act 2000 I would like to request the policy and practice covering safe guards and checks undertaken to ensure foreign military personnel trained on UK soil meet the standards set out in JSP950, specifically in relation to Mental Health and Depression. The information request is to cover all foreign military personnel on UK soil and air space e.g. RAF training bases and Ukrainian military personnel being trained throughout the UK.

I would also like to know if there are any specific exemptions to the above checks and standards.

I am aware now of eleven British applicants to UK Armed Forces being rejected on mental health grounds and therefore want confirmation this policy is being similarly robustly pursued in relation to foreign troops being trained on UK soil and territories.'

The MOD can confirm that your enquiry is being treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

The Medical Employment Standards (MES) for the UK Armed Forces are contained in Joint Service Publication 950 Leaflet 6-7-7. Enclosed is the latest version. Annex L of Section 4 and Section 5 set-out the MES relating to mental health.

In terms of foreign troops training on UK soil but not joining the UK military, they remain the responsibility of their own nation and are subject to their own national military medical policies to ensure they are fit to train within the UK.

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

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Yours sincerely,

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