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Dear Cdr Pantzopoulos,

Thank you for your e-mail of 22 May 2021, in which you asked for the following information:

Dear Royal Air Force, I am interesting obtaining AP 9012 RAF

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, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

Information relating to release of Air Publication (AP) 9012: RAF Stress Management and Resilience Policy, falls entirely within scope of the qualified exemptions sections 26 (Prejudice to Defence) and 38 (Prejudice the effective conduct of public affairs) of the FOIA.

A Public Interest Test has been conducted against these exemptions to determine whether, in all circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweigh the public interest in disclosure. I have found that, under S.26(1)(b), the balance lies in favour of withholding some information as releasing it would be a risk to personnel and operations. Consequently, this information has been withheld. I have found that, under S.28(1)(a), the balance lies in favour of releasing the information.

In accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018, under S40(2) of the FOIA (third party personal data), information contained within the AP9012 is withheld as exempt information. This is an Absolute Exemption and not subject to the Public Interest Test.

Attached at Annex A is the current AP9012: RAF Stress Management and Resilience Policy that you have requested.

Under section 16 advice and assistance you may find it useful to know that AP9012 is a live document that is updated regularly. It is currently under review following a number of key changes to both Defence and RAF Stress Management and Resilience Training and associated policies.

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

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 Information Rights Compliance Team, Ground 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 normally investigate your case until the MOD internal process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

[Original signed]

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Enc: Annex A