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Dear Mr Ashby,

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 9 June 2021 in which you requested the following information:

'Under Freedom of Information Laws please provide the names an years in office of holders of the post Area Office Midland and Deputy Area Officer Midland of the Sea Cadet Corps. Please do this for a period of the last 45 Years

I have already made this request to the MOD but they said they do not hold these records but I know for a fact all services records of officer are kept.'

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and I can confirm that no information in scope of your request is held.

Under section 16 (Advice and Assistance) of the FOI Act, as explained in our previous response to FOI2021/05961, the Sea Cadets are administered by the Marine Society and Sea Cadets (MSSC) organisation which does not fall under the remit of the MOD. While the MOD retains the service records of regular Royal Navy Officers, it does not hold any details of any individuals who have served within the Sea Cadets. I can only advise you contact the MSSC who may be able to assist you further. Their contact details are as follows:

Address: 202 Lambeth Road, London SE1 7JW

Email: info@ms-sc.org Phone: 020 7654 7000 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

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