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Dear Mr Lindley,

Thank you for your email of 9 April in which you requested the following information:

'under training at The Guards Depot, Pirbright, Surrey in the 1980s as junior entrants, are you aware of any acts by Training staff, P.T.I.s that are of the same nature as the Deep Cut Bullying scandal? & which resulted in juniors leaving the colours well before this became a reported event & therefore their treatment by training staff has not been recorded. & has any review of training by the Guards Division through this time period been done so as to learn how long bad training methods were used & how this morphed into the Deep Cut abuse of young recruits?'

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

The Ministry of Defence requires further information from you in order to determine whether it holds any information within the scope of your request.

In particular I would be grateful if you could clarify what recorded information you are specifically requesting in this case. Once you have clarified your request, I will be pleased to consider it again.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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Yours sincerely,

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