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*Dear Sir/Madam,*

Thank you for your email of 6 January 2015 requesting information about the Military Provost Guard Service (MPGS).

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. The information you requested is enclosed.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto: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.

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*Yours sincerely,*

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**How many MPGS have been recruited since January 2014 to January 2015.**

Defence Statistics intake data relating to December 2014 has yet to be validated or published. As a result figures for the 12 months to 30th Nov have been provided.

Intake to MPGS Strength 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2013 to 30th Nov 14 – 420  
Source: Defence Statistics (Army)

**How many MPGS Soldiers have failed their annual fitness test between January 2014 to January 2015.**

Between 1 December 2013 and 30 November 2014, **less than five** Military Provost Guard Service (MPGS) personnel failed the Annual Fitness Test (AFT); however these personnel may have subsequently passed within the reporting period. It should be noted that it is not mandatory for MPGS personnel to take the AFT.

**How many MPGS Soldiers are currently medically downgraded and are therefore excused the fitness test.**

**How many MPGS Soldiers have been medically downgraded for 12 months or more.**

As at 1 December 2014 (the latest data available), **936** of 2,916 MPGS soldiers were medically downgraded. Of these, **139** had been medically downgraded for more than a year.

**How many MPGS Soldiers have been discharged due to failure of their annual fitness test.**

Individuals are not discharged directly for failing fitness tests but this failure will be included as a factor in their overall discharge application. As a result, the question cannot be answered.