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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 29 July in which you clarified your request of 15 July to be for the Army only.

“A breakdown of how many men and how many women are currently in the Army for each regiment in the UK, by rank, and the same information for last year and five years ago.”

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 attached.

Please note that the figures in the attachment have been rounded to the nearest 10 and “-“ refers to 0 or a figure rounded to 0. This is in accordance with the Government’s statistical rounding policy. There are 5 female Brigadiers and above as at 1 April 2016.

The Ministry of Defence is dedicated to becoming a more diverse and inclusive organisation, and it is driven by a programme of work covering both civilian and military employees. The Armed Forces have recently started a program of activities to increase the number of female recruits to 15% by 2020.

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, 2nd 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.

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Yours sincerely,

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Male and Female Trained Officer Regular Strengths by Arm / Service and Rank

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Arm / Service	Rank	01/04/2011		01/04/2015		01/04/2016	
		Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Total		1540	12330	1400	10630	1370	10380
Staff	Gen	-	10	-	-	-	-
	Lt Gen	-	10	-	10	-	10
	Maj Gen	-	40	-	40	-	40
	Brig	-	170	-	150	-	140
	Col	20	560	30	480	30	460
The Household Cavalry and Royal Armoured Corps (HCAV / RAC)	Lt Col	-	120	-	110	-	120
	Maj	-	290	-	210	-	210
	Capt	-	340	-	270	-	260
	Subalterns	-	150	-	140	-	120
Royal Regiment of Artillery (RA)	Lt Col	-	140	-	140	-	140
	Maj	20	360	20	300	20	300
	Capt	40	340	40	320	50	310
	Subalterns	30	120	20	120	20	110
Corps of Royal Engineers (RE)	Lt Col	-	180	-	150	10	150
	Maj	30	410	30	340	30	320
	Capt	40	470	40	370	40	380
	Subalterns	30	160	30	130	20	110
Royal Corps of Signals	Lt Col	-	140	-	120	10	120
	Maj	50	310	50	240	40	240
	Capt	60	340	40	290	40	280
	Subalterns	20	80	10	80	10	70
Infantry	Lt Col	-	350	-	320	-	320
	Maj	-	950	-	780	-	780
	Capt	-	1010	-	830	-	820
	Subalterns	-	430	-	380	-	370
Army Air Corps (AAC)	Lt Col	-	60	-	50	-	50
	Maj	-	160	10	150	10	150
	Capt	10	210	10	160	10	160
	Subalterns	-	50	10	30	-	20
Royal Army Chaplains' Department (RACHD)	Lt Col	-	20	-	20	-	20
	Maj	-	70	-	80	-	80
	Capt	-	40	-	30	-	30
Royal Logistic Corps (RLC)	Lt Col	10	200	20	180	20	170
	Maj	70	520	80	410	80	400
	Capt	100	480	60	420	60	420
	Subalterns	20	150	30	150	30	140
Royal Army Medical Corps (RAMC)	Lt Col	30	180	30	160	30	170
	Maj	90	260	120	290	110	280
	Capt	130	280	80	210	80	190
	Subalterns	30	40	10	30	10	20
Corps of Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers (REME)	Lt Col	-	120	-	110	-	110
	Maj	10	300	10	260	10	250
	Capt	20	300	20	230	20	220
	Subalterns	10	70	10	80	10	80
Adjutant General's Corps (AGC)	Lt Col	40	90	40	90	40	90
	Maj	130	300	110	240	120	240
	Capt	140	290	120	250	100	260
	Subalterns	40	70	40	100	40	80
Royal Army Veterinary Corps (RAVC)	Lt Col	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Maj	-	10	10	10	10	10
	Capt	10	10	10	10	10	10
Small Arms School Corps (SASC)	Lt Col	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Maj	-	20	-	20	-	20
	Capt	-	20	-	20	-	20
Royal Army Dental Corps (RADDC)	Lt Col	10	20	-	20	-	20
	Maj	20	50	20	40	20	40
	Capt	20	20	20	10	10	10
	Subalterns	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intelligence Corps	Lt Col	-	40	10	40	10	40
	Maj	20	80	20	100	20	100
	Capt	20	120	30	100	30	100
	Subalterns	10	40	10	40	10	40
Royal Army Physical Training Corps (RAPTC)	Lt Col	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Maj	-	20	-	20	-	20
	Capt	-	30	-	30	-	30
Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps (QARANC)	Lt Col	20	10	10	10	10	10
	Maj	80	40	80	50	80	50
	Capt	60	40	50	30	40	20
	Subalterns	20	10	10	-	10	-
Corps of Army Music	Lt Col	-	-	-	-	-	-

(CAMus)	Maj	-	20	-	20	-	20
	Capt	-	20	-	20	-	10
	Subalterns	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	Subalterns	-	-	-	-	-	-

Notes/Caveats:

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Male and Female Trained Other Ranks Strength by Arm / Service and Rank

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Arm / Service	Rank	01/04/2011		01/04/2015		01/04/2016	
		Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Total		6,160	77,250	5,540	61,970	5,420	59,940
The Household Cavalry and Royal Armoured Corps (HCAV / RAC)	WO1	-	60	-	40	-	50
	WO2	-	190	-	160	-	160
	SSgt	-	260	-	200	-	190
	Sgt	-	540	-	420	-	410
	Cpl	-	900	-	740	-	740
	LCpl	-	980	-	780	-	800
	Pte	-	2,000	-	1,520	-	1,470
Royal Regiment of Artillery (RA)	WO1	-	70	-	60	-	50
	WO2	-	430	10	320	20	340
	SSgt	10	290	20	280	20	280
	Sgt	40	840	30	610	30	630
	Cpl	40	1,010	50	870	50	820
	LCpl	80	1,180	60	940	70	880
	Pte	180	2,330	220	1,790	210	1,720
Corps of Royal Engineers (RE)	WO1	-	120	-	110	-	100
	WO2	-	400	-	350	-	340
	SSgt	-	660	-	580	-	570
	Sgt	-	660	-	530	-	530
	Cpl	10	1,100	10	920	10	890
	LCpl	10	1,710	10	1,460	20	1,430
	Pte	30	3,610	40	2,710	40	2,460
R Signals	WO1	10	140	-	110	-	110
	WO2	10	290	20	230	20	220
	SSgt	30	580	60	540	60	540
	Sgt	110	1,000	50	690	60	740
	Cpl	140	1,340	90	1,020	80	980
	LCpl	180	1,450	120	1,270	100	1,240
	Pte	110	1,290	100	1,200	70	870
Infantry	WO1	-	170	-	120	-	120
	WO2	-	770	-	630	-	630
	SSgt	-	950	-	850	-	900
	Sgt	-	1,720	-	1,250	-	1,280
	Cpl	-	3,450	-	2,940	-	2,920
	LCpl	-	3,600	-	3,080	-	3,100
	Pte	-	10,790	-	8,940	-	8,380
Army Air Corps (AAC)	WO1	-	50	-	40	-	50
	WO2	-	130	10	130	10	120
	SSgt	-	120	-	110	-	120
	Sgt	10	200	10	180	-	170
	Cpl	10	200	-	170	10	160
	LCpl	20	310	20	250	20	240
	Pte	40	510	20	320	30	320
Royal Logistic Corps (RLC)	WO1	30	270	30	230	30	230
	WO2	50	610	60	440	70	430
	SSgt	90	720	70	640	60	660
	Sgt	140	1,280	110	920	100	890
	Cpl	270	2,340	200	1,630	170	1,610
	LCpl	320	2,540	250	1,900	260	1,920
	Pte	540	4,270	510	2,790	470	2,450
Royal Army Medical Corps (RAMC)	WO1	-	40	-	30	10	30
	WO2	10	110	20	90	30	90
	SSgt	40	150	50	140	50	140
	Sgt	70	190	80	230	90	220
	Cpl	110	240	120	270	130	300
	LCpl	140	260	140	260	170	330
	Pte	290	310	230	440	170	300
Corps of Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers (REME)	WO1	10	260	-	220	-	210
	WO2	-	360	10	340	10	340
	SSgt	20	870	20	620	20	610
	Sgt	40	1,460	40	1,060	40	1,050
	Cpl	60	1,700	50	1,440	50	1,400
	LCpl	80	1,920	80	1,780	80	1,730
	Pte	100	2,330	70	1,320	60	1,260
Adjutant General's Corps (AGC)	WO1	40	140	20	120	30	110
	WO2	100	340	110	270	120	270
	SSgt	160	420	180	330	180	320
	Sgt	360	700	310	560	300	580
	Cpl	510	950	400	920	360	920
	LCpl	240	440	240	460	260	420
	Pte	220	320	160	160	190	180
Royal Army Veterinary Corps	WO1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	WO2	-	10	-	10	-	10

(RAVC)	SSgt	-	10	-	10	-	10
	Sgt	-	20	10	30	10	40
	Cpl	20	40	10	40	10	40
	LCpl	20	60	30	60	30	60
	Pte	30	80	60	80	50	70
Small Arms School Corps (SASC)	WO1	-	20	-	10	-	10
	WO2	-	60	-	60	-	60
	SSgt	-	20	-	20	-	20
	Sgt	-	30	-	20	-	20
	Cpl	-	-	-	-	-	-
Royal Army Dental Corps (RADC)	WO1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	WO2	10	-	-	-	10	-
	SSgt	20	10	10	-	10	-
	Sgt	30	20	20	10	10	-
	Cpl	40	20	20	10	20	10
	LCpl	30	10	20	-	50	10
	Pte	40	20	30	-	-	-
Intelligence Corps	WO1	-	30	-	30	-	30
	WO2	20	140	20	110	20	110
	SSgt	20	130	20	130	30	140
	Sgt	30	180	40	240	30	240
	Cpl	60	290	80	350	80	360
	LCpl	60	280	70	300	60	250
	Pte	-	-	-	-	-	10
Royal Army Physical Training Corps (RAPTC)	WO1	-	20	-	20	-	20
	WO2	10	90	-	60	-	60
	SSgt	10	100	10	140	10	150
	Sgt	20	170	10	110	10	120
	Pte	-	-	-	-	-	-
Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps (QARANC)	WO1	10	-	-	-	-	-
	WO2	10	10	10	-	10	-
	SSgt	20	-	20	20	20	20
	Sgt	60	30	60	40	90	60
	Cpl	190	110	180	100	160	80
	LCpl	50	20	40	20	40	20
Corps of Army Music (CAMus)	WO1	-	30	-	20	-	20
	WO2	-	20	-	20	-	20
	SSgt	-	40	-	50	-	60
	Sgt	-	100	10	80	10	90
	Cpl	10	130	20	100	20	100
	LCpl	40	160	50	120	50	110
	Pte	80	130	60	140	50	120
Senior Soldier Continuity Posts (SSCP)	WO1	-	100	-	40	-	40
	WO2	10	290	-	140	-	130
	SSgt	-	170	-	80	-	70
	Sgt	-	40	-	20	-	20
	Cpl	-	10	-	-	-	-
Other	WO2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	SSgt	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Sgt	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Cpl	-	-	-	-	-	-
	LCpl	-	-	-	-	-	-

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