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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 24 April in which you requested the following information:

Under the FOI Act, can you please advise how many potential recruits for the Army were rejected from recruit training after failing the Counter Terrorism Check in 2016.

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

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

During 2016, less than five applicants that underwent a counter terrorism check were rejected on the basis of failing this element of their security clearance. This number has been rounded to five, rounding is necessary as a means of disclosure control and the preservation of anonymity; it also improves the clarity of output and conveys an appropriate level of precision to users.

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Yours sincerely,

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