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Dear XXXXXX,

Thank you for your email of 14 October in which you clarified your request of 6 October to the following :

*'In particular please clarify what you mean by 'people from Scotland'. Are you seeking information regarding individuals who identify themselves as being Scottish regardless of where they live now, or people who currently have a Scottish address regardless of their background or country of origin? Please note that for the MOD Joint Personnel Administration, some of the nationality options an individual can record themselves as include 'British', 'Scottish' or 'British Scottish'.*

*I was mainly looking for those having joined the Army from a Scottish address as I'm looking at how many people located in Scotland join the Army.*

*Further clarification is required concerning the second part of your request - please clarify if you want Corps and Infantry Regiment (In essence Cap badge) or Corps and Infantry totals. Please note that a proportion of those who joined the untrained strength in 2016 may still be in training.*

*Yes please, looking for Cap Badge of entrants from Scotland should this information exist.*

*Finally please confirm that you require the information for both parts of your request by Financial Years 2014, 2015 & 2016.*

*Yes please, If the information exists for each year then I would be grateful for this. If this is significantly time consuming then 2016 would be sufficient.'*

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 and is provided in the table below. The table shows soldiers who have joined the Army, by arm/service in financial years 14/15, 15/16 and 16/17, who had registered an address in Scotland at the point of enlistment.

Arm / Service	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017
Household Cavalry Regiment	~	5	~
RAC	~	~	10
The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards	35	20	15
The Royal Dragoon Guards	-	-	~
The Queen's Royal Hussars	-	-	~
The Royal Lancers (Queen Elizabeths' Own)	~	~	~
The King's Royal Hussars	-	~	-
The Light Dragoons	~	-	-
Royal Tank Regiment	~	-	~
The Royal Yeomanry	-	~	~
The Scottish and Northern Ireland Yeomanry	-	10	20
Royal Artillery	35	50	50
Royal Engineers	45	60	55
Royal Corps of Signals	15	45	35
Infantry	10	10	15
Grenadier Guards	-	~	-
Coldstream Guards	-	~	~
Scots Guards	40	25	20
Irish Guards	0	0	~
Royal Regiment of Scotland	250	225	220
The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment	~	~	-
The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers	-	~	~
The Royal Anglian Regiment	-	~	-
The Yorkshire Regiment	~	~	~
Mercian	~	~	~
The Royal Welsh	-	~	-
The Parachute Regiment	20	25	35
The Royal Gurkha Rifles	-	~	-
The Rifles	5	~	10
Army Air Corps	5	5	5
Royal Logistic Corps	75	110	115
Royal Army Medical Corps	15	30	30
Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers	35	50	55
Adjutant General's Corps (SPS)	~	10	10
Adjutant General's Corps (RMP)	15	10	5
Royal Army Veterinary Corps	~	~	~
Royal Army Dental Corps	~	~	~
Intelligence Corps	5	15	15
Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps	~	10	5
Corps of Army Music	~	~	~

- Please note that these figures are single service estimates only and are not official statistics produced by Defence Statistics.
- Please note that these figures have been rounded to the nearest 5. 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.
- '~' indicates fewer than 5.
- '-' indicates 0.

- The data includes regular and reserve personnel. Regular and reserve data has not been split out, other than where indicated in the table above.

The information requested cannot be provided for officers as the only information held for officers relates to their current address, rather than the address from which they joined the Army. Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assurance), you may wish to be aware that we could potentially provide the current number of cadets at Sandhurst who's postcode / constituency is within Scotland.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance. Following this, if you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground 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 should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

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