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Dear

Thank you for your email of 19 June in which you requested the following information:

1. The number of Combat Medical Technician (CMT) soldiers in the RAMC, broken down by rank (Pte to WO1).

2. Please can you separate the individual Allied Health Professional cadres (Environmental Health Technician, Operating Department Practitioner, Pharmacy Technician, Radiographer, Biomedical Scientist etc) and provide numbers in each rank (Pte to WO1).

As advised in my letter of 25 June, 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 information in scope of your request is held. Please see below:

Royal Army Medical Corps (RAMC)		Paid Rank						
Cadres	Total	Pte	LCpl	Cpl	Sgt	SSgt	WO2	WO1
Combat Medical Technician	1895	395	495	380	290	195	105	35
Environmental Health Technician	75	~	15	20	15	10	5	~
Operating Department Practitioner	55	~	20	10	5	10	5	~
Pharmacy Technician	35	~	10	10	10	5	1	-
Radiographer	20	-	~	5	~	5	~	~
Biomedical Scientist	30	-	-	10	10	10	~	-

Individual Allied Health Professional Cadres by rank as at 1st April 2018.

Notes/Caveats:

- The figures are for trade trained Regular Army only and therefore exclude Gurkhas and all Reserves. Personnel who were trade trained in another trade and have subsequently transferred to one of the RAMC Cadres list, are still counted towards trade trained strength for the Regular Army, but they may still be undergoing trade training for that trade.
- The figures are for personnel within the RAMC. The individual allied health professional cadres in the RAMC have been determined using Main Trade for Pay as recorded on the Joint Personnel Administration system. There are a small number of personnel (less than five) within the RAMCS who do not yet have a main trade for pay assigned and are therefore excluded from the figures within Table 1.

 The data has been rounded to the nearest five to limit disclosure and ensure confidentiality. Totals and sub-totals have been rounded separately and so may not appear to be the sum of their parts.

"~" fewer than five "-" denotes zero

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Yours sincerely,

