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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 9 May in which you requested the following information:

the current number of personnel in each rank by cap badge/ branch (infantry, rac, Royal artillery etc.)

For officers can you also provide a breakdown between direct entry and late entry commissions.

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 (MOD), and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held and has been provided below.

Table 1: Trade Trained Regular Army Soldier Strength by Arm / Service and Paid Rank as at 1st April 2019

Arm / Service	Total	Warrant Officer First Class							Private
		Warrant Officer Second Class	Staff Sergeant	Sergeant	Corporal	Lance Corporal	Private		
Other Ranks Total	60,030	1,290	3,620	5,360	7,880	12,120	12,590	17,160	
Household Cavalry & Royal Armoured Corps	3,630	40	150	190	390	700	780	1,370	
Royal Regiment of Artillery	4,470	50	320	340	660	820	850	1,430	
Corps of Royal Engineers	5,790	100	350	560	580	910	1,190	2,110	
Royal Corps of Signals	4,790	120	250	540	800	1,030	1,500	550	
Infantry	14,800	130	630	990	1,320	2,950	2,550	6,230	
Army Air Corps	1,090	70	110	110	150	160	200	280	
The Royal Logistics Corps	8,890	250	520	740	1,030	1,790	1,940	2,630	
Royal Army Medical Corps	2,130	40	110	220	320	480	490	480	
Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers	6,560	220	340	630	1,010	1,310	1,670	1,390	
Adjutant General's Corps Staff and Personal Support	2,700	100	280	320	550	650	480	330	
Adjutant General's Corps Provost Branch	1,400	40	90	170	300	510	300	-	
Adjutant General's Corps Unspecified	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Royal Army Veterinary Corps	300	-	10	20	40	40	70	120	
Small Arms School Corps	110	20	60	20	20	-	-	-	
Royal Army Dental Corps	110	-	-	10	20	30	50	-	
Intelligence Corps	1,290	40	140	180	290	380	260	-	
Royal Army Physical Training Corps	370	20	60	160	140	-	-	-	
Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps	690	20	20	70	160	230	100	90	
Corps of Army Music	640	20	30	60	100	120	160	160	
Senior Soldier Continuity Posts	250	40	140	50	30	-	-	-	

Source: Defence Statistics (Army)

Table 2: Trade Trained Regular Army Direct Entry Officer Strength by Arm / Service, Paid Rank as at 1st April 2019 for Colonel and Above

Arm / Service	Total	Lieutenant General and Above			
		Major General	Brigadier	Colonel	
Staff	720	20	40	160	510

Source: Defence Statistics (Army)

Table 3: Trade Trained Regular Army Direct Entry Officer Strength by Arm / Service, Paid Rank as at 1st April 2019

Arm / Service	Total	Lieutenant Colonel	Major	Captain	Subaltern
Direct Entry Officers	8,540	1,500	3,060	2,620	1,360
Household Cavalry & Royal Armoured Corps	560	110	160	180	110
Royal Regiment of Artillery	790	130	280	250	140
Corps of Royal Engineers	830	140	280	270	150
Royal Corps of Signals	580	110	180	180	110
Infantry	1,840	300	580	590	360
Army Air Corps	300	40	120	120	10
Royal Army Chaplain's Department	120	20	70	30	-
The Royal Logistics Corps	970	160	350	300	160
Royal Army Medical Corps	750	200	350	160	30
Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers	490	100	150	130	100
Adjutant General's Corps Staff and Personal Support	230	40	90	70	40
Adjutant General's Corps Provost Branch	150	20	50	50	30
Adjutant General's Corps Educational and Training	240	30	90	70	50
Adjutant General's Corps Army Legal Services Branch	90	30	40	20	-
Royal Army Veterinary Corps	30	-	20	10	-
Royal Army Dental Corps	90	20	60	10	-
Intelligence Corps	270	40	100	90	60
Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps	220	20	100	80	10
Corps of Army Music	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Defence Statistics (Army)

Table 4: Trade Trained Regular Army Late Entry Officer Strength by Arm / Service, Paid Rank as at 1st April 2019

Arm / Service	Total	Lieutenant Colonel	Major	Captain	Subaltern
Late Entry Officers	2,580	220	1,040	1,330	-
Household Cavalry & Royal Armoured Corps	130	10	50	60	-
Royal Regiment of Artillery	200	10	90	100	-
Corps of Royal Engineers	270	30	100	140	-
Royal Corps of Signals	260	20	100	140	-
Infantry	480	40	210	240	-
Army Air Corps	110	10	60	50	-
The Royal Logistics Corps	280	30	120	140	-
Royal Army Medical Corps	130	10	50	70	-
Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers	220	20	90	120	-
Adjutant General's Corps Staff and Personal Support	170	10	60	110	-
Adjutant General's Corps Provost Branch	50	-	20	30	-
Adjutant General's Corps Educational and Training	40	-	10	30	-
Royal Army Veterinary Corps	10	-	-	-	-
Small Arms School Corps	30	-	10	20	-
Royal Army Dental Corps	-	-	-	-	-
Intelligence Corps	90	10	30	40	-
Royal Army Physical Training Corps	60	-	20	30	-
Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps	10	-	-	-	-
Corps of Army Music	30	-	20	10	-

Source: Defence Statistics (Army)

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that:

- The figures are for Trade Trained Regular Army only and therefore exclude Gurkhas, Full Time Reserve Service, Mobilised Reserves and other Reserves.
- Figures have been rounded to 10 to improve the clarity of output and convey an appropriate level of precision to users; numbers ending in "5" have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent systematic bias.
- Totals and Sub-totals have been rounded separately and so may not appear to be the sum of their parts.
- "-" denotes zero or rounded to zero
- there are no Late Entry Officers in the Rank of Colonel and Above.

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Yours sincerely,

Army secretariat