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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your email of 8 September 2019 requesting the following information:

[1] *Please provide copies of communication (HQAC Staff, Region HQ Staff, Wing HQ Staff & OC Wings), and discussion/policy documents related to the review of the RAFAC Footprint in South West Region since September 2018. This would include discussion of closure or merging of units.*

[2] *Please also include figures for the number of open squadrons across the corps, split by region for the last 3 years'. Clarified to: 'By open Squadrons I refer to Air Training Corps Squadrons that currently have enrolled cadets and are open to them for parade nights at least once a week. I could refine this further by calling them active Squadrons.'*

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

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No Information held.

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Region	2017	2018	2019
Scotland and Northern Ireland	No information held.		114
Wales and West			156
North			167
Central and East			174
South West			161
London and South East			162

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note the above figures include Detached Flights as they have enrolled cadets and are open for parade nights at least once a week. Furthermore, data is recorded on a rolling basis and therefore historical data does not exist, hence no information held for previous years.

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 us in the first instance at the address above. 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, 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 must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint 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. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

Air Command Secretariat