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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated 29 December 2014 requesting the following information:

- 1. The number of personnel leaving the service in Ashford, or the wider Kent area over the last 5 years*
- 2. The numbers leaving the service in the different ways, i.e. Retirement/Medical Retirement; Redundancy; other over the same period*
- 3. The number of personnel moving to the Ashford, or wider Kent area on leaving the service*
- 4. The above split into nationalities*

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

I am writing to confirm that the MOD holds some of the information on the subject you have requested.

Please find overleaf a table outlining the numbers of Trained, UK Regular service personnel leaving the Armed Forces between 1 October 2009 and 30 September 2014, whose last recorded stationed location was in Kent, with detail provided on their reason of exit.

**Outflow<sup>1</sup> from the Trained UK Regular<sup>2</sup> Forces between 1 October 2009 and 30 September 2014  
by exit reason for personnel stationed<sup>3</sup> in Kent**

	Trained Outflow	Voluntary Outflow <sup>4</sup>	Time Expiry	Redundancy <sup>5</sup>	Other Wastage
<b>Kent</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>160</b>
Ashford	-	-	-	-	-
Canterbury	360	150	50	60	100
Dartford	-	-	-	-	-
Dover	-	-	-	-	-
Gravesham	-	-	-	-	-
Maidstone	300	140	30	80	50
Sevenoaks	10	-	-	-	-
Shepway	180	70	80	30	10
Swale	-	-	-	-	-
Thanet	20	-	10	-	-
Tonbridge and Malling	-	-	-	-	-
Tunbridge Wells	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Defence Statistics (Tri Service)

1. Outflow figures show exits from the **trained** UK Regular Forces, including personnel leaving the Services, deaths and recalled reservists on release. They do not include promotion from Ranks to Officers or flows between Services.
2. UK Regular Forces comprises Full-time personnel but does not include Gurkhas, FTRS personnel and reservists.
3. Location information provided is for service personnel's permanent **stationed** location and not necessarily the service personnel's place of residence. In this table stationed location at outflow is that recorded as their location as at 1st day of the month of their exit.
4. Voluntary Outflow is defined as all exits from trained UK Regular Forces which are voluntarily generated by the individual before the end of their agreed engagement or commission period.
5. Neither the post nor the location in which individuals are serving are taken into account by Armed Forces redundancy selection boards. The selection of an individual for redundancy cannot be assumed to imply that the post they occupy on the date of notification is no longer required. In addition, Service personnel move between posts and locations regularly, and the location at which they will be serving on their exit date may be different from that at which they were notified.

Royal Navy / Royal Marines personnel on sea service are included against the local authority containing the home port of their ship.

Due to rounding methods used, figures may not always equal the sum of the parts; figures have been rounded to the nearest 10 and numbers ending in 5 to the nearest multiple of 20. Figures zero or rounded to zero are represented as -.

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) please find the latest strengths information in our Quarterly Location Statistics (QLS) which provides the UK Regular Forces strength by Global locations and by local authorities. Our latest QLS can be accessed by the below link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/location-of-uk-regular-service-and-civilian-personnel-quarterly-statistics-2014>

For more detail on exits from the UK Regulars, Table 12a and 12b in our Quarterly Personnel Report (QPR) provide outflow by exit reason for Officers and Other Ranks;

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/uk-armed-forces-quarterly-personnel-report-2014>

Regarding Questions 3 and 4; we do not hold information on Service leavers' residential location after they left Service for Question 3 and as such we are also unable to provide the nationalities of these Service leavers requested in Question 4.

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 me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Head of Corporate Information, 2nd Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail 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 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.gov.uk>

Would you like to be added to our contact list, so that we can inform you about updates to our statistical publications covering **Military Personnel** and consult you if we are thinking of making changes? You can subscribe to updates by emailing [DefStrat-Stat-Tri-Enquiries@mod.uk](mailto:DefStrat-Stat-Tri-Enquiries@mod.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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