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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 10 September in which you request the following:

'Can you please provide figures for the number of British Army recruits to come from the towns of Bridport and Lyme Regis in Dorset, over the past five years.

'Can you also provide the total number of British Army recruits to come from the West Dorset area, in the past five years?'

Information specifically relating to Bridport, Lyme Regis and West Dorset is not held. Information is held relating to those soldiers starting initial training where their given postal address shows the county as Dorset:

Recruiting Year	Regular Soldier	Reserve Soldier
2010/2011	50	15
2011/2012	75	15
2012/2013	70	20
2013/2014	75	15
2014/2015	20	5

Figures have been rounded to the nearest 5. Figures for 2014/15 cover the period 1 April – 31 August 2014.

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 Deputy Chief Information Officer, 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.

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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>.

Yours sincerely,

Army Secretariat