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Dear XXXXXX,

Thank you for your correspondence dated 23 July 2010 which has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Your request has been passed to my department and I have been asked to respond.

You requested the following information:

“I am looking at commemoration in a town in Northumberland, Newbiggin-by-the-Sea. The current wars have a lot of influence on the attitude to commemoration here, as residents feel a strong connection to the military. I am trying to find statistics to see how recruitment in this area compares to recruitment in the rest of the UK. The closest recruitment centre for the army is Ashington. If you could supply me with appropriate statistics, I would be very grateful.”

I have attached tables in a separate excel spreadsheet which cover the recruitment statistics from the Army Career Information Offices (ACIO) and Armed Forces Career Offices (AFCO) and OCLC (Officers Careers Liaison Centres) for the United Kingdom broken down by Service. This information will not provide a comprehensive picture of the recruitment of individuals from the North East, in particular Northumberland, as it does not include those who may have chosen to join through AFCO's elsewhere or through other means, such as the internet.

Army Officer figures are not provided as these individuals tend to be recruited through a wider variety of means.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely

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Royal Navy/Royal Marines Officer Entrants by Recruiting Location

	2009/2010
AFCO London (RN)	24
AFCO Portsmouth (RN)	4
AFCO Reading (RN)	1
CIO Guildford	3
OCLC Birmingham	48
OCLC London	64
OCLC Manchester	79
OCLC Northern Ireland	4
OCLC Peterborough	46
OCLC Plymouth	61
OCLC Rosyth	28
RN & RM Careers Southampton	3
Admiralty Interview Board	48
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Royal Navy/Royal Marines Other Ranks Entrants by Recruiting Location

	2009/2010
ACIO Derby (RN)	52
AFCO Aberdeen (RN)	14
AFCO Belfast (RN)	45
AFCO Birmingham (RN)	82
AFCO Bournemouth (RN)	93
AFCO Brighton (RN)	73
AFCO Bristol (RN)	82
AFCO Cambridge (RN)	29
AFCO Cardiff (RN)	80
AFCO Carlisle (RN)	55
AFCO Chatham (RN)	57
AFCO Coventry (RN)	37
AFCO Dundee (RN)	45
AFCO Edinburgh (RN)	64
AFCO Exeter (RN)	101
AFCO Glasgow (RN)	90
AFCO Gloucester (RN)	69
AFCO Hull (RN)	95
AFCO Inverness (RN)	20
AFCO Ipswich	45
AFCO Leeds (RN)	140
AFCO Leicester (RN)	40
AFCO Lincoln (RN)	68
AFCO Liverpool (RN)	168
AFCO London (RN)	116
AFCO Luton (RN)	65
AFCO Manchester (RN)	179
AFCO Middlesbrough (RN)	81
AFCO Newcastle (RN)	144
AFCO Norwich (RN)	50
AFCO Nottingham (RN)	55

AFCO Oxford (RN)	40
AFCO Peterborough (RN)	40
AFCO Plymouth (RN)	171
AFCO Portsmouth (RN)	163
AFCO Preston (RN)	91
AFCO Reading (RN)	48
AFCO Redruth (RN)	69
AFCO Sheffield (RN)	89
AFCO Shrewsbury (RN)	45
AFCO Stoke (RN)	64
AFCO Swansea (RN)	86
AFCO Wrexham (RN)	40
CIO Canterbury	53
CIO Chelmsford	56
CIO Darlington	54
CIO Dunfermline	23
CIO Guildford	55
CIO Taunton(RN & RM)	53
CIO Wolverhampton	23
RN & RM Careers Office Ilford	47
RN & RM Careers Southampton	55
Royal Navy St Helens	54
CIO = Careers Information Office	

ARMY Regular Soldiers Entrants (less Military Provost Guard Service)

	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010
ACIO Abergavenny			1	
ACIO Aldershot	87	79	116	121
ACIO Ashington	53	44	39	65
ACIO Bangor	70	97	78	74
ACIO Barnsley	89	88	77	110
ACIO Barnstaple	60	49	53	36
ACIO Barrow-in-Furness	27	47	55	40
ACIO Bath		1		8
ACIO Bathgate	49	41	41	48
ACIO Birkenhead	95	142	106	89
ACIO Bishop Auckland	63	41	50	54
ACIO Blackburn	109	71	69	74
ACIO Blackpool	101	69	93	112
ACIO Bolton	77	92	162	155
ACIO Boston	64	58	69	53
ACIO Bradford	148	120	144	158
ACIO Bridgend	55	43	54	43
ACIO Bromley	87	108	94	100
ACIO Burnley	104	103	96	117
ACIO Burton-on-Trent	101	87	98	106
ACIO Canterbury	69	54	62	45
ACIO Carmarthen	32	40	31	42
ACIO Catterick	39	32	46	63
ACIO Chelmsford	133	72	61	64
ACIO Chester	105	104	115	80
ACIO Chesterfield	80	59	75	74
ACIO Chichester	38	26	36	36
ACIO Coleraine	52	32	51	42
ACIO Coventry	142	191	193	170
ACIO Croydon	124	106	91	106
ACIO Darlington	92	75	82	81
ACIO Derby	77	92	105	116
ACIO Doncaster	140	113	151	127
ACIO Dover	45	48	58	76
ACIO Dumbarton	51	18	36	39
ACIO Dumfries	59	26	47	51
ACIO Dunfermline	44	35	41	46
ACIO Durham	90	67	77	59
ACIO Elgin	25	22	17	25
ACIO Enniskillen	16	31	35	66
ACIO Galashiels	22	32	27	35
ACIO Greenock	41	14	27	45
ACIO Grimsby	76	82	63	93
ACIO Halifax	36	59	50	63
ACIO Hamilton	47	51	78	82
ACIO Haverfordwest	41	27	41	36
ACIO Hereford	73	75	88	80
ACIO Huddersfield	92	40	84	72
ACIO Ilford	104	123	113	130
ACIO Ipswich	94	97	105	73
ACIO Irvine	77	57	62	106
ACIO Kirkcaldy	49	37	45	41

ACIO Lancaster	55	67	97	80
ACIO Luton	151	132	127	122
ACIO Mansfield	80	90	130	123
ACIO Merthyr Tydfil	66	54	63	52
ACIO Milton Keynes	75	82	86	44
ACIO Newport	123	102	75	101
ACIO Newport (IOW)	30	24	24	31
ACIO Northampton	123	143	172	195
ACIO Oldham	97	78	95	116
ACIO Oxford	83	51	67	56
ACIO Paisley	31	25	28	57
ACIO Perth	35	27	34	35
ACIO Pontypridd	76	74	58	72
ACIO Portadown	25	33	55	68
ACIO Rhyl	80	96	82	100
ACIO Rochdale	78	75	69	76
ACIO Salisbury	92	106	96	72
ACIO Scarborough	68	61	65	38
ACIO Southampton	98	75	93	102
ACIO South Shields	70	71	57	68
ACIO Stirling	87	45	44	94
ACIO Stockport	115	109	98	108
ACIO Strand	336	314	261	185
ACIO Sunderland	99	125	117	95
ACIO Swindon	101	82	64	45
ACIO Taunton	69	79	81	75
ACIO Torquay	62	68	68	46
ACIO Tunbridge Wells	27	26	27	14
ACIO Wakefield	114	141	150	129
ACIO Warrington	100	81	76	104
ACIO Wembley	110	123	120	127
ACIO Wigan	102	103	119	95
ACIO Wolverhampton	118	181	217	205
ACIO Worcester	133	142	130	153
ACIO Workington	55	44	51	45
ACIO York	88	102	87	95
AFCO Aberdeen	49	53	33	48
AFCO Belfast	153	160	152	140
AFCO Birmingham	294	370	421	293
AFCO Bournemouth	112	98	108	74
AFCO Brighton	148	168	171	147
AFCO Bristol	142	138	170	143
AFCO Cambridge	93	78	95	105
AFCO Cardiff	160	157	137	99
AFCO Carlisle	47	59	50	49
AFCO Chatham	102	103	93	105
AFCO Dundee	48	52	57	81
AFCO Edinburgh	97	89	70	111
AFCO Exeter	77	104	83	80
AFCO Glasgow	158	97	114	162
AFCO Gloucester	110	73	81	81
AFCO Hull	145	136	173	177
AFCO Inverness	53	33	39	42
AFCO Leeds	260	211	201	201
AFCO Leicester	127	117	162	201

AFCO Lincoln	105	92	96	121
AFCO Liverpool	176	180	209	147
AFCO London	117	70	99	75
AFCO Manchester	168	219	193	229
AFCO Middlesbrough	187	158	135	136
AFCO Newcastle	205	146	189	204
AFCO Norwich	162	142	198	137
AFCO Nottingham	155	158	189	211
AFCO Peterborough	129	128	130	125
AFCO Plymouth	138	119	97	83
AFCO Portsmouth	125	151	123	130
AFCO Preston	116	139	130	137
AFCO Reading	83	96	94	77
AFCO Redruth	89	77	101	59
AFCO Sheffield	122	131	113	146
AFCO Shrewsbury	95	115	115	118
AFCO Southend-on-Sea	65	66	68	52
AFCO Stoke-on-Trent	212	208	205	249
AFCO Swansea	130	113	163	127
AFCO Wrexham	111	91	135	125
Bury				5
Colchester FOB	7	67	78	80
Crewe	4	3	1	46
CST Strand	1	213	472	96
Herford (Germany) ACIO	50	32	42	29
Kendal				26
Kirkby		1		17
St Helens			1	24

Royal Air Force Officers / Non-Commissioned Aircrew / SERE

Region	AFCO	Officers/NCA/SERE
East Midlands & East Anglia	AFCO Cambridge (RAF)	3
	AFCO Leicester (RAF)	5
	AFCO Lincoln (RAF)	32
	AFCO Luton (RAF)	1
	AFCO Norwich (RAF)	7
	AFCO Nottingham (RAF)	3
	AFCO Peterborough (RAF)	15
	Area EM (AFCO Nottingham)	11
	TOTAL	77
Region	AFCO	
North East	AFCO Hull (RAF)	3
	AFCO Leeds (RAF)	16
	AFCO Middlesbrough (RAF)	6
	AFCO Newcastle (RAF)	8
	AFCO Sheffield (RAF)	9
	Area NE (AFCO Leeds)	1
	TOTAL	43
Region	AFCO	
North West & North Wales	AFCO Carlisle (RAF)	4
	AFCO Liverpool (RAF)	2
	AFCO Manchester (RAF)	15
	AFCO Preston (RAF)	7
	AFCO Wrexham (RAF)	8
	TOTAL	36
Region	AFCO	
Scot & NI	AFCO Aberdeen (RAF)	1
	AFCO Belfast (RAF)	6
	AFCO Dundee (RAF)	1
	AFCO Edinburgh (RAF)	
	AFCO Glasgow (RAF)	5
	AFCO Inverness (RAF)	3
	Area Scot & NI (Kentigern House)	10
	TOTAL	26
Region	AFCO	Intakes
South East	AFCO Bournemouth (RAF)	4
	AFCO Brighton (RAF)	11
	AFCO Chatham (RAF)	8
	AFCO London (RAF)	16
	AFCO Oxford (RAF)	26
	AFCO Portsmouth (RAF)	3
	AFCO Southend (RAF)	5
	TOTAL	73
Region	AFCO	Intakes
South West & South Wales	AFCO Bristol (RAF)	19
	AFCO Cardiff (RAF)	12
	AFCO Exeter (RAF)	9
	AFCO Plymouth (RAF)	5
	AFCO Redruth (RAF)	1
	AFCO Swansea (RAF)	5
	Area SW (AFCO Plymouth)	1
	TOTAL	52

Region	AFCO	Intakes
West Midlands & Central Wales	AFCO Birmingham (RAF)	13
	AFCO Coventry (RAF)	5
	AFCO Gloucester (RAF)	10
	AFCO Shrewsbury (RAF)	14
	AFCO Stoke (RAF)	1
	TOTAL	43
Region	AFCO	Intakes
Senior Careers Liaison Officer	SCLO RAF Halton	7
	SCLO RAF Linton on Ouse	6
	SCLO RAF Wittering	
	TOTAL	13
Region	AFCO	Intakes
HQ	DRIT (RAF)	22
	OASC Cranwell	214
	TOTAL	236
Region	AFCO	Intakes
	Area NW & North Wales (AFCO Liverpool)	
	Area SE (AFCO London)	
	TOTAL	

Royal Air Force Other Ranks

Region	Recruiting Location	Airmen
East Midlands & East Anglia	AFCO Cambridge (RAF)	35
	AFCO Leicester (RAF)	52
	AFCO Lincoln (RAF)	152
	AFCO Luton (RAF)	26
	AFCO Norwich (RAF)	49
	AFCO Nottingham (RAF)	100
	AFCO Peterborough (RAF)	58
	TOTAL	472
Region	Recruiting Location	Airmen
North East	AFCO Hull (RAF)	70
	AFCO Leeds (RAF)	116
	AFCO Middlesbrough (RAF)	124
	AFCO Newcastle (RAF)	107
	AFCO Sheffield (RAF)	159
	TOTAL	576
Region	Recruiting Location	Airmen
North West & North Wales	AFCO Carlisle (RAF)	41
	AFCO Liverpool (RAF)	172
	AFCO Manchester (RAF)	150
	AFCO Preston (RAF)	119
	AFCO Wrexham (RAF)	54
	TOTAL	536

Region	Recruiting Location	
Scot & NI	AFCO Aberdeen (RAF)	11
	AFCO Belfast (RAF)	20
	AFCO Dundee (RAF)	48
	AFCO Edinburgh (RAF)	38
	AFCO Glasgow (RAF)	91
	AFCO Inverness (RAF)	14
	TOTAL	222
Region	Recruiting Location	Attest
South East	AFCO Bournemouth (RAF)	67
	AFCO Brighton (RAF)	52
	AFCO Chatham (RAF)	66
	AFCO London (RAF)	56
	AFCO Oxford (RAF)	63
	AFCO Portsmouth (RAF)	56
	AFCO Reading (RAF)	
	AFCO Southend (RAF)	44
	TOTAL	404
Region	Recruiting Location	Attest
South West & South Wales	AFCO Bristol (RAF)	55
	AFCO Cardiff (RAF)	102
	AFCO Exeter (RAF)	52
	AFCO Plymouth (RAF)	68
	AFCO Redruth (RAF)	48
	AFCO Swansea (RAF)	59
	TOTAL	384
Region	Recruiting Location	Attest
West Midlands & Central Wales	AFCO Birmingham (RAF)	125
	AFCO Coventry (RAF)	73
	AFCO Gloucester (RAF)	67
	AFCO Shrewsbury (RAF)	56
	AFCO Stoke (RAF)	96
	TOTAL	417
Region	Recruiting Location	Attest
Other	Area Scot & NI (Kentigern House)	
	Area SW (AFCO Plymouth)	
	DRIT (RAF)	2
	OASC Cranwell	
	SCLO RAF Halton	
	SCLO RAF Linton on Ouse	
	TOTAL	2