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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your email of 12 December 2013 which you clarified on 13 January 2014 requesting the following information:

*The number of soldiers who held the rank of Corporal who were promoted to Sergeant in 2010, 2011 and 2012, by paid rank and substantive rank promotions.*

*A snapshot of data referencing the total Army personnel, trained and serving against requirement, who were Medically Non Deployable (P) as at 1 April 2010, 1 April 2011 and 1 April 2012.*

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 the information in scope of your request is held, please find the information you requested below.

**Table 1** shows the number of Corporal to Sergeant promotions by paid rank and substantive rank promotions for the period 2010-2012.

**Table 1: Corporal to Sergeant promotions for Army personnel, by paid rank and substantive rank, 2010-2012, numbers.**

Calendar Year	Promotion Type	
	Paid Rank	Substantive Rank
2010	50	60
2011	40	40
2012	40	30

Source: Defence Statistics (Army)

**Table 2** shows the number of trained and serving against requirement Army personnel who were Medically Non Deployable (MND(P)) as at 1 April 2010-2012 by Officers and Other Ranks.

**Table 2: Army MND(P) personnel by Officers and Other Ranks, as at 1 April 2010-2012, numbers.**

Month	Rank		
	All	Officers	Other Ranks
April 2010	2,260	200	2,060
April 2011	1,960	190	1,770
April 2012	2,000	170	1,840

Source: Defence Statistics (Health)

Under section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance), you may find it useful to note the following:

**Table 1** figures are for trained Regular Army only and therefore exclude Gurkhas, Full Time Reserve Service, Mobilised Reserves, TA and all other Reserves, but includes those personnel that have transferred from GURTAM to UKTAP.

Figures above are for the number of occurrences of promotion. Some individuals may be promoted to the Paid Rank of Sergeant more than once.

Individuals may receive Paid Rank promotion before their Substantive Rank promotion. This lag between receiving Paid Rank promotion and Substantive Rank promotion explains the difference in the above figures for Paid and Substantive Rank promotions, despite these being for the same Regiment over the same time period.

**Table 2** figures refer to those personnel full time trained and serving against requirement. This population comprises trained UK Regular Forces, trained Gurkhas and elements of the Full Time Reserve Service (FTRS) that may be deployed overseas, including Full Commitment (FC), Limited Commitment (LC), Home Commitment (HC) personnel.

Medically Non Deployable personnel are those personnel who have been assessed by a medical board and subsequently awarded a Medical Deployability Standard (MDS) of Medically Non Deployable (MND).

As part of the Joint Medical Employment Standard (JMES), when a Medical Board awards an MDS of MLD or MND, a decision is made as to whether this is temporary or permanent. A permanent marker does not imply that the JMES can never change - it is intended to assist personnel staff involved with employment decisions by distinguishing the longer term health problems from the relative short term ones.

Data have been rounded to 10 in accordance with Defence Statistics (Manpower) policy. Totals and sub totals have been rounded separately and so may not equal the sums of their rounded parts. When rounded to the nearest 10, numbers ending in '5' have been rounded to the nearest 20 to avoid systematic bias.

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I hope you find this information useful

Yours sincerely,

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