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Thank you for your email received by the Ministry Of Defence on 9th December 2016 requesting the following information:

“I would be very grateful if you could provide me with some or all of the following information:

- 1. The total number of Service leavers for 12 months up to Nov 2016**
- 2. We would be very grateful if the total number could then be broken down by the following categories:**
 - i. Type (in terms of): Normal Service Leavers, Early Service Leavers, Medical Discharges and Compulsory / Disciplinary Discharges**
 - ii. Age: 18-24 and 24+**
 - iii. Gender: Male and Female**
 - iv. *Number of Service leavers registered as resettling back to Derbyshire or Nottinghamshire.*”**

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

We have now completed a search for the information you requested and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held. Excluding those relating to resettlement, all figures are as reported on the Joint Personnel Administration (JPA) database.

In the 12 months to 31 October 2016, 15,325 UK Regular Forces personnel outflowed from the UK Armed Forces.

i. 1,759 were Normal Service Leavers¹, 7,439 were Early Service Leavers², 2,337^p were Medically Discharged^{3,4} and 3,325 were Compulsory/Disciplinary Discharges.

ii. Section 44(1)(a) has been applied as the disclosure of some of the information is prohibited by the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007. Defence Statistics release Diversity Statistics as an Official Statistics publication. In accordance with the Code of Practice for the release of National and Official Statistics, as set out in the 2007 Act, we are unable to provide the data for UK Regular outflow by age for the 12 months to 31 October 2016 prior to the next statistical release scheduled for 09:30 on 25th May 2017. Section 44 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

Under Section 16 (Duty to Provide Advice and Assistance) figures regarding the gender of UK Regular Forces personnel who outflowed from the UK Armed Forces during the period 1 October 2015 – 30 September 2016 are available in Table 3 of the 1 October 2016 Biannual Diversity Statistics publication, available at

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/574737/Biannual_Diversity_Statistics_1October2016.xlsx

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Under Section 16 of the FOIA (Duty to Provide Advice and Assistance), figures for the gender of UK Regular Forces personnel who outflowed from the UK Armed Forces during the period 1 October 2015 – 30 September 2016 are available in Table 1 of the 1 October 2016 Biannual Diversity Statistics publication, available at

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/574737/Biannual_Diversity_Statistics_1October2016.xlsx

iv. The MOD does not hold any data on the number of personnel who resettled to Derbyshire or Nottinghamshire after leaving the Armed Forces. Under Section 16 of the FOIA (Duty to Provide Advice and Assistance), the number of Service Leavers tracked by the Career Transition Partnership⁵ (CTP) between 1 November 2015 and 31 October 2016 is as follows. It should be noted that not all leavers go through CTP, and therefore the following figures are minimums.

County of Home Residence	Number of Service Leavers
Derbyshire	143
Nottinghamshire	337

Source: Right Management Ltd

You may also find it useful to know that the MOD publishes information on personnel claiming compensation and receiving pensions by location and this is published on the gov.uk website:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/561247/20161019_-_Location_of_Armed_Forces_Pension_and_Compensation_Recipients_March_16_REVISED_-_O.pdf

Notes:

1. For the purposes of this response, "Normal Service Leavers" has been defined as those in the Armed Services who reach the end of their engagement or commission and then leave.
2. For the purposes of this response, "Early Service Leavers" has been defined as all exits from trained (RN/RM & RAF) and trade trained (Army) UK Regular Forces personnel which are voluntarily generated by the individual before the end of their agreed engagement or commission period.
3. Medical Discharges are marked 'p' for provisional. The data for this period has not been validated and is therefore subject to change.
4. Medical discharges are the result of a number of specialists (medical, occupational, psychological, personnel, etc.) coming to the conclusion that an individual is suffering from a medical condition that pre-empts their continued service in the Armed Forces. Statistics based on these discharges do not represent measures of true morbidity or pathology. At best they indicate a minimum burden of ill-health in the Armed Forces. Furthermore, the number and diversity of processes involved with administering a medical discharge introduce a series of time lags, as well as impact on the quality of data recorded. Defence Statistics release annual updates on medical discharges in the UK Armed Forces as an Official Statistic publication. The last statistical release was on 14 July 2016 which presented data up to 31 March 2016. The latest report can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/medical-discharges-among-uk-service-personnel-statistics-index>
5. The Career Transition Partnership is an agreement between a contractor (Right Management Limited) and the MOD and its aim is to support Service Leavers in their transition from the military to civilian life/ employment. Further information can be found at: <https://www.ctp.org.uk/about-us/the-ctp>

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 Information Rights Compliance team, Ground 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, <https://ico.org.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

Yours sincerely,

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