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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 9 January requesting the following information about Army recruitment centres:

'The number of people who have applied to the army in each of the past three years at each centre.

The number that have been accepted and the number that have been refused at each centre.

The five most common reasons why they have been refused for each centre.'

Information held relating to the first two questions is as follows. The data shown is for those Regular Army candidates rejected as unsuitable or ineligible, rather than withdrawing of their own accord. From 2013/14 applications have been processed centrally rather than in individual careers offices, and so data for 2013/14 and 2014/15 have been assessed by postcode and affiliated to the relevant office area.

Region	Army Careers Centre	2012/13		2013/14		2014/15 to end December	
		Total	Rejected Total	Total	Rejected Total	Total	Rejected Total
Scotland	ACC Aberdeen	220	10	200	40	190	30
	ACC Dundee	980	60	610	160	690	130
	ACC Edinburgh	890	70	820	180	700	140
	ACC Glasgow	2090	130	1900	390	1640	310
	ACC Inverness	230	10	180	40	160	20
North	ACC Bolton	820	50	830	210	660	130
	ACC Bradford	700	30	710	160	460	90
	ACC Carlisle	270	20	340	60	230	40
	ACC Chester	690	30	680	170	630	140
	ACC Doncaster	580	10	520	90	440	90
	ACC Hull	670	20	590	110	470	90
	ACC Lancaster	320	30	290	70	220	50
	ACC Leeds	1380	60	1150	220	980	200
	ACC Liverpool	1050	50	1200	260	760	130
	ACC Manchester	940	60	1140	240	940	200
	ACC Middlesbrough	1020	60	1190	260	950	180
	ACC Newcastle	1160	140	1010	200	810	150

	ACC Preston	1200	100	1240	260	1090	200
	ACC Sheffield	700	30	630	120	570	110
	ACC Stockport	420	20	510	100	330	50
	ACC Sunderland	640	40	600	130	590	140
	ACC York	410	20	420	70	310	60
Wales & West	ACC Bangor	260	10	270	40	210	40
	ACC Birmingham	880	60	950	180	750	170
	ACC Cardiff	870	30	750	130	690	140
	ACC Coventry	710	40	640	140	490	100
	ACC Hereford	220	~	200	40	170	30
	ACC Newport	370	20	490	90	420	70
	ACC Shrewsbury	370	30	380	60	330	60
	ACC Stoke-on-Trent	870	50	680	140	600	90
	ACC Swansea	740	40	590	110	520	100
	ACC Wolverhampton	810	60	880	170	740	140
	ACC Worcester	220	40	370	80	340	50
ACC Wrexham	510	30	450	90	380	70	
London & East	ACC Cambridge	400	20	300	60	260	60
	ACC Chelmsford	940	60	960	200	860	160
	ACC Derby	490	20	520	90	370	70
	ACC Grimsby	380	10	460	90	350	60
	ACC Ipswich	300	20	420	60	280	40
	ACC Leicester	660	50	530	120	470	110
	ACC Lincoln	480	10	580	120	400	70
	ACC London	1830	220	1150	280	1100	280
	ACC Luton	520	40	560	110	410	80
	ACC Mansfield	550	20	510	110	450	90
	ACC Northampton	550	30	560	120	440	100
	ACC Norwich	530	30	590	110	510	100
	ACC Nottingham	790	20	600	120	450	80
	ACC Peterborough	410	30	410	100	370	70
ACC Victoria	1820	300	1180	300	1120	290	
South	ACC Aldershot	710	50	500	130	440	100
	ACC Bournemouth	480	30	510	100	450	80
	ACC Brighton	610	40	620	120	460	70
	ACC Bristol	610	30	590	120	490	100
	ACC Canterbury	670	40	540	100	410	80
	ACC Chatham	610	40	640	120	530	80
	ACC Crawley	180	10	230	50	190	20
	ACC Exeter	540	30	580	120	410	80
	ACC Gloucester	400	30	340	60	290	50
	ACC Milton Keynes	310	30	370	90	320	70
	ACC Oxford	290	30	290	60	250	60
	ACC Plymouth	430	20	470	80	330	70
	ACC Portsmouth	810	60	600	120	550	110
	ACC Reading	500	60	430	100	330	60
	ACC Redruth	270	20	250	50	220	40
	ACC Salisbury	290	30	340	80	300	60
	ACC Slough	20	~	140	10	80	~
ACC Southampton	380	30	400	70	360	70	
ACC Swindon	320	90	380	90	340	70	
ACC Taunton	280	120	420	90	300	50	
NI	ACC Belfast	390	40	500	100	360	70
	ACC Coleraine	230	20	200	40	260	50

	ACC Enniskillen	390	50	370	40	330	30
	ACC Portadown	510	20	240	50	220	50

Data is by calendar year. All figures have been rounded to the nearest 10. Figures ending in '5' have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent systematic bias. Figures between 1 and 5 are shown as '~'.

The five most common categories for rejection for each period are as follows (in decreasing order of frequency):

2012/13
Medical
Eligibility
Motivation/Commitment
Residency/Nationality
Delinquency/Crime

2013/14
Medical
Eligibility
Residency/Nationality
Tattoo/Piercings
Motivation/Commitment

2014/15 to end of December
Medical
Eligibility
Residency/Nationality
Tattoo/Piercings
Motivation/Commitment

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Yours sincerely,

Army Secretariat