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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail requesting the following information:

1. How many established RE late entry officer posts are there currently (2016) for captains, majors and Lt Cols? (by each rank and indicating if any are rank ranged)

For the years 2013, 2014 and 2015:

2. How many RE WOs applied for a LE commission in each year?

3. How many of these applicants were awarded a LE commission each year? (i.e. what was the success rate?)

4. Of the successful candidates each year, how many had a permanent medical grading of MLD?

5. If any successful candidates had a medical grading of MLD, did the Army Commissions Board grant permission for them to be commissioned as an exception?

6. If the answer to Question 4 is yes, how many exceptions were granted each year and why?

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

This information is shown at Annex A.

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 Team, 1st 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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Yours sincerely

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Annex A

	<u>Captain</u>	<u>Capt-Major</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Lieutenant Colonel</u>
1.	101	30	43	8
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	
2.	42	48	38	
3.	23 (55%)	30 (62%)	30 (79%)	
4.	5*	6	5*	
5.	Yes			
6.	Number as per answer to Q4 above. Approval is granted by the board on a case-by-case basis based on medical status and employability.			

** The number is sufficiently small that National Statistics rounding conventions require it to be categorised as between one and five to prevent inadvertent identification of individuals*