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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 7 August 2015 in which you requested the following information:

Under the FOI Act, I would like to know the number of positive drug tests for the Navy, Army and Airforce, broken down by Class A, B and C for 2013 and for 2014.

I am also seeking a breakdown for each army corps of the number of positive tests in 2013 and in 2014.

I also seek the number of tests carried out in 2014.

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD), and I can confirm that the MOD does hold some information within the scope of your request; this is provided in the attached Annex.

The Armed Forces do not tolerate any form of inappropriate behaviour including substance misuse. Where an individual is found, through compulsory drug testing or other investigation, to have fallen short of the services' high standards, they will be dealt with through the military discipline or administrative process.

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, 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.

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, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

Defence People Secretariat FOI

1. Number of positive drug tests for the Navy, Army, and Airforce, broken down by Class A, B and C for 2013 and for 2014.

**2013**

| <b>Service</b> | <b>Class A</b> | <b>Class B</b> | <b>Class C</b> | <b>Totals</b> |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Royal Navy     | 30             | 10             | 10             | 50            |
| Army           | 350            | 140            | 120            | 610           |
| RAF            | 20             | 10             | 10             | 30            |

**2014**

| <b>Service</b> | <b>Class A</b> | <b>Class B</b> | <b>Class C</b> | <b>Totals</b> |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Royal Navy     | 40             | ~              | 10             | 50            |
| Army           | 400            | 130            | 100            | 530           |
| RAF            | 30             | ~              | ~              | 40            |

**Notes**

1. In accordance with the Data Protection Act and our obligations in relation to the protection of confidentiality when handling personal data, the figures provided have been rounded to the nearest 10, where "~" denotes a number less than or equal to five. When rounding up to the nearest 10, numbers ending in 5 have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent systematic bias. Due to the rounding methods used, totals may not always equal the sum of the parts.

2) I am also seeking a breakdown for each Army corps of the number of positive tests in 2013 and in 2014

### 2013

| Army Corps                                       | Positive |
|--|----------|
| Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME) | 10*      |
| Royal Engineers                                  | 30       |
| Duke of Lancaster's Regiment                     | 40       |
| Foot Guards                                      | 30       |
| Household Cavalry                                | 10       |
| Mercian Regiment                                 | 20       |
| Parachute Regiment                               | 10       |
| Princess of Wales Regiment                       | 20       |
| Royal Anglian Regiment                           | 20       |
| Royal Armoured Corps                             | 20       |
| Royal Army Medical Corps                         | ~        |
| Royal Corps of Signals                           | 20       |
| Royal Logistic Corps                             | 40       |
| Royal Regiment of Artillery                      | 70       |
| Royal Regiment of Fusiliers                      | 30       |
| Royal Regiment of Scotland                       | 40       |
| The Rifles                                       | 20       |
| The Royal Welsh                                  | 30       |
| Yorkshire Regiment                               | 20       |

### 2014

| Army Corps                                | Positive |
|---|----------|
| Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers | 20*      |
| Royal Engineers                           | 60       |
| Duke of Lancaster's Regiment              | 30       |
| Foot Guards                               | 40       |
| Household Cavalry                         | ~        |
| Mercian Regiment                          | 40       |
| Parachute Regiment                        | 10       |
| Princess of Wales Regiment                | 10       |
| Royal Anglian Regiment                    | 10       |
| Royal Armoured Corps                      | 20       |
| Royal Army Medical Corps                  | ~        |
| Royal Corps of Signals                    | 30       |
| Royal Logistic Corps                      | 60       |
| Royal Regiment of Artillery               | 40       |
| Royal Regiment of Fusiliers               | 10       |
| Royal Regiment of Scotland                | 50       |
| The Rifles                                | 40       |
| The Royal Welsh                           | 20       |
| Yorkshire Regiment                        | 40       |

## Notes

1. \* Reflects REME workshops only not REME embedded into units
2. Please be advised the above figures do not relate to the number of personnel, but rather the number of positive results. The size of each Corps and Regiment will vary and will be dependant on the number of specialisations contained within it.
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**3) I also seek the number of tests carried out in 2014. The number of Armed Forces Compulsory Drug Tests conducted in 2014 is 138,000**

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