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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email dated 28 July requesting the following information:

*I would be assisted if you could provide figures for the number of individuals who have declared that they have dyslexia and who have, over the three most recent years for which you hold data, have been recruited into the Royal Navy, including the Royal Marines, the Royal Air Force and the Army.*

I am writing to confirm that we are treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Ministry of Defence does not record this information, as we do not ask prospective candidates applying to join the Armed Forces to declare whether they have dyslexia for the recruiting process. Whilst some medical forms of serving personnel do record instances of dyslexia, these figures include people who have declared, or been diagnosed with, dyslexia since recruitment, and therefore would not give an accurate figure.

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 Head of Corporate Information, 1st Floor, Zone N, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto: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://ico.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,



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