



# Ministry of Defence

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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 10 October 2016 requesting the following information:

*'Could you please provide totals for the number of RAF medic posts vs actual manning levels please? Could these figures be from the last 3 years, in quarterly totals please?'*

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

A search for the information requested has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD), and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. The information you have requested can be found enclosed at Annex A.

You may wish to note, the table detailed at Annex A displays Liability vs Manpower statistics for the entire RAF Medic sub-trade in quarterly totals at the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. The liability figures indicate the number of RAF Medic posts, whereas the strength figures detail the actual manning levels.

If you are not satisfied with this response or 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 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://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

[Original Signed]

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	2013				2014				2015				2016			
	Jan	Apr	Jul	Oct	Jan	Apr	Jul	Oct	Jan	Apr	Jul	Oct	Jan	Apr	Jul	
Liability	610	590	580	580	570	590	590	590	590	590	580	560	540	530	530	
Strength	560	560	550	540	560	550	550	530	520	510	500	490	480	470	450	

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