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E-mail address: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated 27 April requesting the following information:

*"I'd like to request the statistics on the location of recruitment through out the Military. Similar to the link below, but more recent;*

*[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/16880/FOI15032012\\_153919005Recruitment\\_Stats\\_20002012.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/16880/FOI15032012_153919005Recruitment_Stats_20002012.pdf)*

*I'd also like the information to include what trades, regiments and training centers the recruits went to."*

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

Statistical information addressing this FOI request is provided in the following Spreadsheets. The data was compiled by each Service separately and is presented in spreadsheet format for the purpose of answering this request. You are requested to note that the data provided records those who have completed pre-employment checks, but not final numbers of those joining the Armed Forces.

The source the MOD uses to produce National Statistics is the Joint Personnel Administration (JPA) system. However, JPA cannot be used to answer this FOI request because JPA does not include the location of the recruitment office where an individual was recruited from. The Training Administration and Financial Management Information System (TAFMIS) data source used to provide the information for this FOI response includes all individuals who go through the recruitment process, whereas in our National Statistics, intake figures for UK Regular Forces comprises new entrants, re-entrants, direct trained entrants (including professionally qualified Officers) and intake from the reserves. It excludes all movements within the Regular Forces; including flows from the untrained to trained strength, transfers between Services and flows from Ranks to Officer due to promotion.

For these reasons, the data in response to this question will not align with intake figures in our National Statistics publications. Under Section 16 of the FOI Act (Advice and Assistance) I can advise that our most recent figures for Intake to the UK Regular Forces can be seen in our Quarterly Personnel Report at the link below:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/426880/QPR\\_Apr2015.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/426880/QPR_Apr2015.pdf)

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, 1<sup>st</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,

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