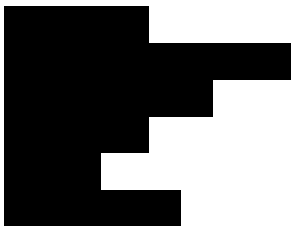




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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) dated 15 December 2015 in which you requested the following information:

The official statistics from 2015 of how many members of the Cadet Forces joined the Armed Forces against the official statistics of successful joining members of all three forces.

A search for the information has now been completed within the MOD, and I can confirm that the MOD does hold some information within the scope of your request. Please note - There are no 'official statistics' in regard to individuals from Cadet Forces joining the Armed Forces. Armed Forces personnel are under no obligation to declare previous membership of a cadet organisation and the information provided below only relates to those individuals who have chosen to declare.

Recruitment figures for declared former cadets for Financial Year (1 April – 31 March) 2014/15

	2014/15
Royal Navy	430
Army	1,110
Royal Air Force	620

Please note - In accordance with Defence Statistics rounding policy all numbers have been rounded; therefore totals may not equal the sum of their parts. All numbers are rounded to the nearest 10 with numbers ending in 5 rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to avoid systemic bias.

With regard to 'the official statistics of successful joining members of all three forces', under Section 21 of the FOI Act the MOD is not obliged to supply information that is reasonably accessible to the applicant, by other means. The most recent information on recruitment numbers by month and quarter is published online on the gov.uk website and can be viewed here:

Monthly Figure:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/453269/20150813-monthly-service_personnel_statistics-jul15-update.pdf

Quarterly Figure:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/402633/quarterly_personnel_report_jan15.pdf

I hope that this response will be helpful to you.

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.

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Yours sincerely,

Defence People Secretariat