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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 15 April 2015 requesting the following information:

1. For the last calendar year 2014 please state how many positive drugs tests were recorded following tests carried out on members of the Armed Forces and provide a breakdown of those positive tests by type or class of drug?
2. For the last calendar year 2014 please state how many positive drugs tests were recorded following tests carried out on members of (i) the Army, (ii) the Navy and (iii) the RAF and provide a breakdown of those positive tests by type or class of drug?
3. For the 2014 figure of positive drug tests please provide a breakdown by army corps (as per the definition provided in Parliamentary Written Answer 190801).
4. Since the start of 2010 how many (i) Navy, (ii) Army and (iii) RAF personnel are recorded in the Military Court Service as having been convicted of (a) possessing illegal drugs and (b) supplying illegal drugs?

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

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.

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.

Part 4 of your request is being withheld under Section 21 of the FOI Act (reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means). The Military Court Service publishes their conviction data on the Gov.uk website and is therefore available in the public domain. Further information can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/military-court-centres-court-listings>

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,  
Defence Personnel Secretariat FOI

TABLE 1 - NUMBER OF POSITIVE DRUG TESTS IN 2014 BY SERVICE

Service	Classification		
	Class A	Class B	Class C
Royal Navy	30	~	10
Army	400	130	100
RAF	30	~	~
<b>Total AF Personnel</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>110</b>

TABLE 2 - ARMY POSITIVE DRUG TESTS 2014 BROKEN DOWN BY CORPS

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

~ Denotes a number between 1 and 5

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.