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Dear [Redacted],

Thank you for your email of 25 January in which you requested the following information:

How many soldiers left prior to completing 4 years' service between 2012 to present (2017) broken down by gender and reason for leaving.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held and can be found attached.

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, 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.

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, <https://ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

Army Secretariat

Regular Trained Soldiers Outflow prior completing 4 years service

Question: Please can you tell me how many soldiers left prior to completing 4 years service between 2012 to present (2017) broken down by gender and reason for leaving.

Regular Trained Soldiers Outflow prior completing 4 years service between 1 Apr 12 to 1 Jan 17

	Total	Female	Male
Total	4,890	290	4,600
Administrative/Discipline (exclude Redundancy)	3,180	130	3,050
Voluntary Outflow (VO)	800	70	720
Redundancy	40	-	40
Others*	790	50	740

Source: Defence Statistics (Army)

Notes/Caveats:

The figures are for Trained Regular Army only and therefore exclude Gurkhas, Full Time Reserve Service and Mobilised Reserves.

Figures are for soldiers only.

Figures contain outflow to civil life only. Transfer to another service and to another derived assign type (i.e. army reserve) are not included in the table.

VO is defined as all exits from trained personnel which are generated by the individual before their time expiry.

4 years service is calculated using Length of Service information in the database. Length of Service (LoS) has been calculated using entry date. There are known problems with the entry date information. Entry date is supposed to reflect 'current entry date' but if personnel have transferred to the Army from another Service, served under an alternative assignment type (e.g. reserve forces), are re-entrants or have transferred from Other Ranks to Officers, their entry date may correspond to any of these events. The resulting LoS may reflect current period of service, include previous service, or it may be the time that has elapsed since first joining the Armed Forces, irrespective of any break in service.

* Others include those with an unattributable leaving reason, medical discharges and deaths.

Rounding:

Figures have been rounded to 10; numbers ending in "5" have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent systematic bias.

Totals and sub-totals have been rounded separately and so may not appear to be the sum of their parts.

Symbols:

"-" denotes zero or rounded to zero.