



Ministry  
of Defence

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Ref: FOI2016/12723

Reply to: [REDACTED]

23 January 2017

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your correspondence dated 12 December 2016 requesting the following information:

*“Please provide the information requested for the years 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015. If all recruits and officers are subjected to this treatment, then the number of recruits that have passed out from their phase 1 training will suffice.”*

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. It is confirmed that the Ministry of Defence holds information in scope of your request.

The number of Regular personnel recruits that have completed their phase 1 training in the years you have stipulated is set out in the table of annual figures below:

Financial Year	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Royal Navy	290	220	170	320	360
Army	8280	8710	7560	6190	6990
Royal Air Force	1230	1250	1620	1890	2180

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 zero, “~” denotes a number less than or equal to five. When rounding up to the nearest 10, numbers ending in a “5” have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent the systematic bias caused by always rounding numbers upwards. For example; a value of ‘25’ would be rounded down to ‘20’ and a value of ‘15’ would be rounded up to ‘20’.

Under Section 16 of the Act - ‘Duty to Provide Advice and Assistance’ I can advise that it should not be assumed from this data that all recruits are subject to robust training. As explained in our previous response to you (FOI2016/11295) trainees may experience a lack of sleep as a result of the training regimes at certain periods. The type of training delivered depends entirely on the operational requirements of the job that the individuals will be undertaking once they have finished training. Furthermore while personnel are subject to

robust training as a basic principle of training in Defence, it is only delivered when necessary and no new entry training regime deliberately inflicts trauma on trainees.

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, Ground Floor, Zone D, 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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