



Ministry of Defence

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Email to: [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 15 December 2016 in which you requested the following information:

" Under the FOI Act, could you provide details of personnel who have failed CDT in the Army, Royal Navy and RAF in 2015 and 2016.

For the Army I would like the results broken down by regiment."

We are treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I can confirm that the MOD holds information within the scope of your request.

The number of Service personnel who failed Compulsory Drug Tests (CDT) in the Royal Navy, the Army and the RAF in 2015 and 2016 is set out in the table below:

Service	2015	2016*	Comment/ Notes
RN	40	80	* 2016 data as at 25 Dec 16
Army	570	740	
RAF	30	50	

The information relating to Army Regiments is contained in Annex A to this letter.

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 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.

Fewer than 0.3% of those tested under the MOD's Compulsory Drug Testing programme return a positive result. The MOD is clear that substance misuse is incompatible with service life and anybody found to have fallen short of our high standards will be disciplined appropriately.

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). 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,

(Original Signed)
Defence People Secretariat

TABLE A - 2015 CDT DATA FOR THE ARMY BROKEN DOWN BY REGIMENT

Army Corps	Positive
Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers	10
Royal Engineers	40
Duke of Lancaster's Regiment	30
Foot Guards	30
Household Cavalry	~
Mercian Regiment	30
Parachute Regiment	10
Princess of Wales Regiment	10
Royal Anglian Regiment	10
Royal Armoured Corps	40
Royal Army Medical Corps	~
Royal Corps of Signals	20
Royal Logistic Corps	80
Royal Regiment of Artillery	80
Royal Regiment of Fusiliers	~
Royal Regiment of Scotland	40
The Rifles	40
The Royal Welsh	20
Yorkshire Regiment	25

TABLE B - 2016* CDT DATA FOR THE ARMY BROKEN DOWN BY REGIMENT

*Data for the period 1 Jan 2016 to 10 Dec 2016

Army Corps	Positive
Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers	10
Royal Engineers	70
Duke of Lancaster's Regiment	20
Foot Guards	50
Household Cavalry	~
Mercian Regiment	40
Parachute Regiment	20
Princess of Wales Regiment	10
Royal Anglian Regiment	20
Royal Armoured Corps	30
Royal Army Medical Corps	10
Royal Corps of Signals	40
Royal Logistic Corps	80
Royal Regiment of Artillery	50
Royal Regiment of Fusiliers	10
Royal Regiment of Scotland	50
The Rifles	40
The Royal Welsh	10
Yorkshire Regiment	30