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Dear [Redacted],

Thank you for your email of 1 August 2017 in which you requested the following information:

“In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to ask that you provide me with an updated version of the attached FOI, which is entitled: Exits of trained soldiers by nationality, ethnicity and average length of service: Defence Statistics table (Ref: 24-01-2014-105911-003).

At present, data is provided up to the year 2013; please could you update this to the most recent data available, preferably 2017”.

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that the information in scope of your request is held and is attached.

Please note that the figures within the table exclude any ethnicity data that was recorded as ‘No Value’ or ‘Declined to Declare’, i.e. the ethnicity is unknown. This means that the figures in the table will not add up to those published by MOD which include all exits, including those of unknown ethnicity.

I should also make you aware that from 1st October 2016 the definition of “trained” changed from ‘including those who had completed phase 2 training’ to ‘those who have completed phase 1 training’. To provide consistency, the figures provided in the table attached use the old definition of “trained”.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team,

Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

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Exits of Trained Regular Soldiers by Nationality & Ethnicity

Set out for each Arm/Service in the Army during the 4 full financial years from 01/04/13-31/03/17:-

- the number of exits per year, with a table showing overall total exits over the period.

For each of the 5 categories 'all, White-UK, EM-UK, EM-Not UK and White-Not UK.

Soldier outflows by Arm/Service, Nationality and Ethnicity during the financial years 2013/14 - 2016/17.

| Arm/Service | Total | FY 2013/14 | | | | FY 2014/15 | | | | FY 2015/16 | | | | FY 2016/17 | | | | All Exits 2013/2017 | | | |
|--------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|---------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| | | Non-UK | | UK | | Non-UK | | UK | | Non-UK | | UK | | Non-UK | | UK | | Non-UK | | UK | |
| | | BAME | White | BAME | White | BAME | White | BAME | White | BAME | White | BAME | White | BAME | White | BAME | White | BAME | White | BAME | White |
| Total | 35,890 | 840 | 130 | 490 | 10,830 | 690 | 100 | 350 | 8,140 | 330 | 100 | 290 | 6,720 | 310 | 100 | 290 | 6,260 | 2,140 | 420 | 1,380 | 31,950 |
| H Cav / RAC | 2,270 | 30 | 10 | 10 | 780 | 20 | 10 | 20 | 480 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 430 | 10 | 10 | 20 | 420 | 70 | 40 | 60 | 2,110 |
| RA | 2,870 | 100 | 20 | 30 | 820 | 60 | 10 | 30 | 630 | 20 | 10 | 20 | 560 | 40 | 10 | 40 | 480 | 230 | 40 | 120 | 2,480 |
| RE | 3,780 | 70 | 10 | 40 | 1,320 | 30 | - | 20 | 740 | 20 | 10 | 20 | 720 | 30 | 10 | 40 | 700 | 160 | 20 | 120 | 3,480 |
| R Signals | 2,850 | 20 | - | 40 | 900 | 20 | - | 20 | 640 | 10 | - | 40 | 580 | 10 | - | 10 | 540 | 60 | 10 | 110 | 2,680 |
| Infantry | 11,140 | 240 | 60 | 100 | 3,260 | 230 | 60 | 80 | 2,630 | 110 | 60 | 70 | 2,010 | 100 | 50 | 70 | 2,010 | 680 | 240 | 320 | 9,900 |
| AAC | 570 | - | - | - | 180 | - | - | - | 130 | - | - | - | 130 | - | - | - | 110 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 540 |
| RLC | 5,220 | 280 | - | 120 | 1,370 | 220 | 10 | 100 | 1,220 | 100 | 10 | 60 | 900 | 70 | - | 50 | 720 | 670 | 20 | 320 | 4,210 |
| RAMC | 760 | 10 | - | 10 | 190 | 10 | - | - | 180 | 10 | - | 10 | 150 | - | - | 10 | 150 | 30 | 20 | 30 | 680 |
| REME | 3,520 | 60 | 10 | 50 | 1,250 | 30 | - | 20 | 770 | 20 | - | 30 | 640 | 20 | - | 20 | 610 | 120 | 10 | 120 | 3,270 |
| AGC | 1,630 | 30 | - | 30 | 460 | 20 | - | 30 | 400 | 20 | - | 20 | 320 | 10 | - | 20 | 270 | 80 | 10 | 100 | 1,440 |
| RAVC | 160 | - | - | - | 30 | - | - | - | 50 | - | - | - | 40 | - | - | - | 40 | - | - | 10 | 150 |
| SASC | 30 | - | - | - | 10 | - | - | - | 10 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 20 |
| RADC | 140 | - | - | 10 | 40 | - | - | 10 | 30 | 10 | - | 10 | 20 | - | - | - | 10 | 20 | - | 30 | 90 |
| Int Corps | 440 | - | - | 10 | 120 | - | - | - | 90 | - | - | - | 100 | - | - | - | 110 | - | - | 20 | 420 |
| RAPTC | 90 | - | - | - | 20 | - | - | - | 20 | - | - | - | 20 | - | - | - | 20 | - | - | - | 90 |
| QARANC | 240 | - | - | - | 50 | 10 | - | - | 50 | - | - | - | 50 | - | - | - | 60 | 20 | - | 10 | 200 |
| CAMus | 180 | - | - | - | 50 | - | - | - | 50 | - | - | - | 50 | - | - | - | 30 | - | - | - | 180 |

Source: Defence Statistics (Army)

Notes/Caveats:

- The figures are for Regular Army personnel who have completed phase 2 training only and exclude Gurkhas, Full Time Reserve Service, Mobilised Reserves, TA and all other Reserves, but includes those personnel that have transferred from GURTAM to UKTAP.
- Due to the renaming of the British Dependent Territories under the British Overseas Territories Act 2002 to British Overseas Territories, Gibraltar, Ascension Islands, St Helena and Montserrat are now included in the UK Total figure.
- The ethnic breakdown is as recorded on JPA.
- The figures exclude any ethnicity data recorded as No Value or Declined to Declare.
- The data have been rounded to limit disclosure and ensure confidentiality.
- 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 be the sum of their parts.