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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email received by the Ministry Of Defence on [date of request] requesting the following information:

**"I am happy to take the advise and would like to formally put in a new FOI request**

- 1) The number of recruits entering basic training between 2012-2017 (per year in total as well as per service branch, type of engagement (regular/reserve) and rank (officer/other ranks))**
- 2) The numbers completing phase 2 training between 2012-2017 (per year in total as well as per service branch and type of engagement (regular/reserve) and rank (officer/other ranks))**
- 3) The main causes of untrained personnel exiting service between 2012-2017 (per year in total as well as per service branch, type of engagement (regular/reserve) and rank (officer/other ranks)), noting that exit reasons would be taken from *the exit categories as recorded*"**

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

We have now completed a search for the information you requested and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held.

The tables in the Microsoft Excel document attached provide some of the data requested.

Part 1 of your request is provided in the "Intake to untrained strength" tab, this also includes a small number of personnel who directly enter into phase 2 training. As it is not possible to separate out these personnel for the Royal Navy/Royal Marines and Royal Air Force, they have been included in the tables provided for both Regulars and FR20 (Future Reserves 2020).

Part 2 of your request is provided in the, "Untrained to trained strength" tab, this does not contain gains to trained strength for the FR20 Maritime Reserve and Royal Air Force Reserve due to monitoring of gains to trained strength not beginning until 2013/14 and 2014/15 respectively.

Part 3 of your request is provided in the "Untrained exit category" tab. Similarly monitoring of the exit category field did not commence until the years 2016/17 and 2013/14 for the Maritime Reserve and the Royal Air Force Reserve respectively; as such this data is not held. It should be noted that the data quality of the exit category field has not been investigated for the FR20 population.

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](mailto: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.

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Would you like to be added to our contact list, so that we can inform you about updates to our statistical publications covering **Military Personnel** and consult you if we are thinking of making changes? You can subscribe to updates by emailing [DefStrat-Stat-Tri-Enquiries@mod.gov.uk](mailto:DefStrat-Stat-Tri-Enquiries@mod.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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## Intake to Trained Strength for RN/RM and RAF and Intake to Trade Trained Strength for Royal Army

**Table 3: Regular<sup>1</sup> Gains to Trained Strength<sup>2</sup> from Untrained Strength for RN/RM and RAF and Intake to Trade Trained Strength for Royal Army by service and officer/rank**

Regulars <sup>1</sup> 12 months ending:		31-Mar-13	31-Mar-14	31-Mar-15	31-Mar-16	31-Mar-17	1-Apr-17 to 30-Sept-17
Royal	Officer	337	293	335	307	364	129
Navy/Royal Marines	Rank	1514	1881	2102	1798	1836	804
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1851</b>	<b>2174</b>	<b>2437</b>	<b>2105</b>	<b>2200</b>	<b>933</b>
Army	Officer	715	621	599	518	584	271
	Rank	7111	6682	4831	5155	5198	2526
	<b>Total</b>	<b>7826</b>	<b>7303</b>	<b>5430</b>	<b>5673</b>	<b>5782</b>	<b>2797</b>
RAF	Officer	115	175	316	288	393	159
	Rank	1082	1032	1402	1481	1647	782
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1197</b>	<b>1207</b>	<b>1718</b>	<b>1769</b>	<b>2040</b>	<b>941</b>
Total	Officer	1167	1089	1250	1113	1341	559
	Rank	9707	9595	8335	8434	8681	4112
	<b>Total</b>	<b>10874</b>	<b>10684</b>	<b>9585</b>	<b>9547</b>	<b>10022</b>	<b>4671</b>

Source: Defence Statistics (Tri-Service)

1. Contains Regular Personnel only.

2. Trained Strength comprises military personnel who have completed Phase 1 and 2 training for Royal Navy/Royal Marines, the Army (prior to 1 October 2016) and the Royal Air Force. Following the change in definition of trained strength for Army, from 1 October 2016, trained strength for the Army comprises of personnel who have completed Phase 1 training.

**Table 4: FR20<sup>1</sup> Gains to Trained Strength<sup>2</sup> from Untrained Strength for RN/RM and RAF and Intake to Trade Trained Strength for Royal Army by service and officer/rank**

<b>FR20<sup>1</sup> Reserves</b>							
<b>12 months ending:</b>		31-Mar-13	31-Mar-14	31-Mar-15	31-Mar-16	31-Mar-17	1-Apr-17 to 30-Sept-17
Maritime Reserve <sup>3</sup>	Officer	*	17	14	44	53	18
	Rank	*	126	97	234	149	93
	<b>Total</b>	*	<b>143</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>111</b>
Army Reserve FR20 <sup>1</sup>	Officer	107	116	148	160	211	92
	Rank	1358	1347	1283	1569	1753	860
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1465</b>	<b>1463</b>	<b>1431</b>	<b>1729</b>	<b>1964</b>	<b>952</b>
Royal Air Force Reserve	Officer	*	*	5	7	11	0
	Rank	*	*	195	364	266	132
	<b>Total</b>	*	*	<b>200</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>132</b>
Total	Officer	*	*	167	211	275	110
	Rank	*	*	1575	2167	2168	1085
	<b>Total</b>	*	*	<b>1742</b>	<b>2378</b>	<b>2443</b>	<b>1195</b>

Source: Defence Statistics (Tri-Service)

1. Future Reserves 2020 includes volunteer reserves who are mobilised, HRR and volunteer reserve personnel serving on ADC or FTRS contracts. Sponsored Reserves who provide a more cost effective solution than volunteer reserve are also included in the Army Reserve FR20. Non Regular Permanent Staff (NRPS), Expeditionary Forces Institute (EFI) and University Officer Cadets and Regular Reservists are excluded.

2. Trained Strength comprises military personnel who have completed Phase 1 and 2 training for Maritime Reserve, the Army Reserve (prior to 1 October 2016) and the Royal Air Force Reserves. Following the change in definition of trained strength from 1 October 2016 trained strength for the Army Reserve comprises of personnel who have completed Phase 1 training.

3. Maritime Reserve comprises the Royal Naval Reserve and the Royal Marine Reserve. Prior to October 2013.

\*- Data not available