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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 3 August in which you requested the following information:

*how many Doctors work at Army Development and Selection Centre (ADSC) and whether any of these have taken holiday leave between June and August of this year and if so whether their positions have been replaced by other doctors in order to process applications.*

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. Information requested is detailed below. Please note that these figures are single service estimates only and are not official statistics produced by Defence Statistics. Personnel numbers have been rounded to the nearest five as a means of disclosure control and the preservation of anonymity; it also improves the clarity of output and conveys an appropriate level of precision.

Recruiting Group employs a total of 75 Doctors (15 Permanent Staff and 65 Sessional) as part of the selection process. On any one weekday a total of 21 Doctors are required to conduct Pre Service Medical Assessments and up to a further 8 are needed to evaluate medical documentation. This requirement is met fully by a mix of permanent and Sessional staff. I can also confirm that some Doctors did take leave over the period June to August 2017 and in all cases their positions were backfilled from the pool of staff.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance. Following this, if you still 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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Yours sincerely,

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