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Dear 

Thank you for your email received by the Ministry Of Defence on 16/01/2018 requesting the following information:

“As of 1 October 2017, how many people in a) England; b) Scotland; c) Wales; and d) Northern Ireland engaged as UK military personnel were of the ranks i) OR 1 / 2; ii) OR 3; iii) OR 4; iv) OR 6; and v) OR 7, broken down into each of the three services.”

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

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

The table contains a breakdown of “UK Regulars by Country Location and Rank”. A small number of entries have been held under the Data Protection Act, this is where an area has less than 5 people. The figures are based on Service personnel’s stationed location and not their location of residence. Personnel deployed on operations to an area away from their stationed location are shown against their most recent stationed location. The Royal Navy/Royal Marines personnel on sea service are included against the local authority containing the home port of their ship.

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<https://ico.org.uk/>.

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

Yours sincerely,

Defence Statistics (Tri-Service)

UK Regulars¹ by Country Location and Rank as at 1 October 2017				
	Royal Navy/ Royal Marines	Army	RAF	Total
England				
OR-7	2,380	4,430	2,090	8,890
OR-6	3,160	6,210	4,140	13,500
OR-4	4,710	10,090	5,600	20,400
OR-3	600	10,470	120	11,180
OR-1/OR-2	9,470	21,930	9,370	40,770
Wales				
OR-7	10	150	40	190
OR-6	10	150	70	230
OR-4	10	260	100	370
OR-3	10	330	~	340
OR-1/OR-2	60	270	230	560
Scotland				
OR-7	380	240	100	730
OR-6	490	330	280	1,090
OR-4	730	620	440	1,780
OR-3	100	790	20	900
OR-1/OR-2	1,620	1,410	690	3,720
Northern Ireland				
OR-7	~	140	~	140
OR-6	~	180	10	200
OR-4	~	350	20	380
OR-3	-	390	~	390
OR-1/OR-2	~	500	20	520

Source: Defence Statistics (Tri-Service)

1. Contains trained and untrained regular personnel only, excluding FTRS personnel, Gurkhas, mobilised Reservists, MPGS, LEP and NRPS.

2. The figures are based on Service personnel's stationed location and not their location of residence - where personnel work isn't necessarily where they live. Personnel deployed on operations to an area away from their stationed location are shown against their most recent stationed location. The Royal Navy/Royal Marines personnel on sea service are included against the local authority containing the home port of their ship.

3. Figures in this publication have been rounded to the nearest 10, though 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. Totals and sub-totals are rounded separately and so may not equal the sums of their rounded parts.

"~" - Data less than 5 so held under the Data Protection Act.

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