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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 13 November requesting the following information:

- What criteria do soldiers need to meet in order to be eligible to apply to transfer from their cap badge to the Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps (QARANC)?
- For each year over the period 2012 – 2016 how many vacancies within the QARANC were advertised on the Official Army Vacancy List (OVAL)?
- For each year over the period 2012 – 2016 how many soldiers by cap badge applied to transfer to the QARANC and of these how many were successful?

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). The information you require is shown at Annex A.

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Yours sincerely

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Q1. What criteria do soldiers need to meet in order to be eligible to apply to transfer from their cap badge to the Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps (QARANC)?

Eligibility criteria for Soldiers are:

1. Medical Employment Standard: MFD
2. OPG: B minimum
3. Conduct: Exemplary
4. Qualifications:
 - a. GCSE: Grade A*-C in English Lang, Maths and Science.
 - b. Alternatives are accepted for GCSE English and Maths (L2 Qualifications).
 - c. 120 UCAS tariff points (typically BBB) from a maximum of three A/A2 level passes, or equivalent.

Potential candidates are to investigate their eligibility by using the link: <http://www.bcu.ac.uk/courses/nursing-adult>. All non-UK qualifications will need a NARIC certificate/ confirmation letter

Q2. For each year over the period 2012 – 2016 how many vacancies within the QARANC were advertised on the Official Army Vacancy List (OVAL)?

Nil

Q3. For each year over the period 2012 – 2016 how many soldiers by cap badge applied to transfer to the QARANC and of these how many were successful?

This information is only available for the last two years and is not available by cap badge.

	2016	2017
No of applications	20	30
Successful	10	20

Under National Statistics rounding conventions all figures are rounded to the nearest 10, numbers ending in 5 have been rounded up to the nearest multiple of 10 to avoid systematic bias. Figures below 5 are denoted by ~, zero is denoted by -. Totals and sub-totals have been rounded separately and may not equal the sum of their rounded parts.