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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter received by the Ministry of Defence on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018 requesting the following information:

- *“Number of Pagans in the armed forces in 2017*
- *“Number of Pagans who identify as Wiccans in the armed forces in 2017”*

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 all information in scope of your request is held. The information is provided on the following page.

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Yours sincerely,

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As at **1 October 2017**, the number of Regular Service Personnel who are Pagan and Wiccan

	<b>Pagan</b>	<b>Wicca</b>
<b>Royal Navy/ Royal Marines</b>	26	4
<b>Army</b>	90	13
<b>Royal Air Force</b>	29	3

Please note, Pagan and Wicca are treated as separate and distinct religions and as such Wicca's cannot be given as a subset of Pagans.