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Dear XXXXXXXXX

Thank you for your email of 14 May in which you requested the following information:

- Across the RLC How many soldiers are currently serving who have been permanently downgraded to P7 MND?
- If possible, could you provide the same information specifically for RLC Logistic Specialists.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. 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 and has been provided below.

As at 1 May 2018 there were 161 Royal Logistics Corps (RLC) personnel medically downgraded as P7, Medically Not Deployable (MND) assigned on a permanent basis, of whom 52 were Logistic Specialists personnel. Please note that "permanent" medical downgrading is expected to last more than 12 months, at which point the personnel's medical grading will be reviewed. These figures have been provided by Defence Statistics Health.

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Yours sincerely,

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