



Ministry of Defence

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Email: [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated 6 December 2017 in which you have requested the following information:

Statistics for the raw number, and percentage, of Service Personnel with recorded Specific Learning Difficulties (SpDLs) from 01 Dec 2012 to 30 Nov 2017. Can the statistics be organised according to:

- Service (Navy, Army, RAF);
- Rank (Enlisted personnel and NCOs vs Commissioned ranks);
- Nature of SpDL (dyslexia, dyscalculia, dyspraxia, scotopic, etc.).

Information to be provided through electronic means, if possible.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI Act). I can confirm that the information you requested is not held.

Section 16 of the FOIA sets out the duty on public authorities to provide advice and assistance, as far as it is reasonable to expect the public authority to do so, to anyone who is considering, or had made, a request for information to it. If an individual is identified with dyslexia, dyscalculia, dyspraxia and scotopic sensitivity, there is a framework of policies and procedures to support those who seek assistance. This can be found in Joint Service Publication 898 Defence Direction and Guidance on Training, Education and Skills, which can be found at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/433761/20141126-JS_898_Part1_Direction_v1_1.pdf

To assist your enquiry, I have included a link below which you may find useful:

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answersstatements/written-question/Lords/2017-12-14/HL4193>

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance

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Yours sincerely,

(Original Signed)
Defence People Secretariat