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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email received by the Ministry of Defence on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018 requesting the following information:

“The number of military personnel recruited to the British Military across the United Kingdom for the past 5 years. I would like the data broken down by: the location, age, gender/race data broken out by year and Service (Army, Royal Navy, Royal Air Force).”

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

We have completed a search for the information you requested on behalf of the Department and I can confirm that all information in scope of your request is held. However, the statistical information you requested on ethnicity, age and gender is already in the public domain and is therefore exempted from release under the exemption at section 21 of the Act (reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means).

The number of Intakes to UK Regular Forces by age, gender and ethnicity broken by year and service can be obtained from the bi-annual Diversity Statistics publication. Please find the link below:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/712125/Diversity\\_Statistics\\_1\\_Apr\\_2018.xlsx](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/712125/Diversity_Statistics_1_Apr_2018.xlsx)

Table 7- Intake to UK Regular Forces by Gender

Table 8- Intake to UK Regular Forces by Ethnicity

Table 9- Intake to UK Regular Forces by Age and Gender.

The number of military personnel recruited by location can be found attached in the corresponding Excel file. As each of the Services record their personnel data differently, their methods of extraction will differ. Army and RAF have provided their data by postcode area up to financial year 16/17 and 17/18 respectively. Royal Navy/Royal Marines have provided their data by career office and region up to financial year 16/17. These figures have been rounded to the nearest 10. To limit disclosure and ensure confidentiality numbers of fewer than or equal to 5 are represented by '~'. 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.

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

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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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.uk](mailto:DefStrat-Stat-Tri-Enquiries@mod.uk)

Yours sincerely,

Defence Statistics (Tri-Service)

**Royal Navy/ Royal Marines Regular Intakes RY12/13 - RY16/17 By Re**

		2012/2013	2013/2014
Northern England	AFCO Carlisle (RN)	50	70
Northern England	AFCO Hull (RN)	50	90
Northern England	AFCO Leeds (RN)	80	90
Northern England	AFCO Liverpool (RN)	120	140
Northern England	AFCO Manchester (RN)	100	120
Northern England	OCLC Manchester	60	50
Northern England	AFCO Middlesbrough (RN)	70	160
Northern England	AFCO Newcastle (RN)	110	100
Northern England	AFCO Preston (RN)	60	100
Northern England	AFCO Sheffield (RN)	40	60
Eastern England	ACIO Derby (RN)	60	40
Eastern England	AFCO Brighton (RN)	50	40
Eastern England	AFCO Cambridge (RN)	20	20
Eastern England	AFCO Chatham (RN)	20	30
Eastern England	AFCO Ipswich	30	40
Eastern England	AFCO Leicester (RN)	20	40
Eastern England	AFCO Lincoln (RN)	50	60
Eastern England	AFCO London (RN)	80	80
Eastern England	OCLC London	50	60
Eastern England	AFCO Luton (RN)	60	60
Eastern England	AFCO Norwich (RN)	20	30
Eastern England	AFCO Nottingham (RN)	50	40
Eastern England	AFCO Oxford (RN)	30	30
Eastern England	AFCO Peterborough (RN)	20	40
Eastern England	OCLC Peterborough	50	50
Eastern England	AFCO Portsmouth (RN)	100	90
Eastern England	AFCO Reading (RN)	30	30
Eastern England	CIO Canterbury	30	40
Eastern England	CIO Chelmsford	40	30
Eastern England	CIO Guildford	50	20
Eastern England	RN & RM Careers Southampton	40	60
Scotland & N Ireland	AFCO Aberdeen (RN)	10	20
Scotland & N Ireland	AFCO Belfast (RN)	40	60
Scotland & N Ireland	AFCO Dundee (RN)	40	70
Scotland & N Ireland	AFCO Edinburgh (RN)	50	90
Scotland & N Ireland	AFCO Glasgow (RN)	40	70
Scotland & N Ireland	AFCO Inverness (RN)	20	20
Scotland & N Ireland	OCLC Northern Ireland	~	~
Scotland & N Ireland	OCLC Rosyth	20	20
Wales & Western England	AFCO Birmingham (RN)	70	70
Wales & Western England	OCLC Birmingham	20	30
Wales & Western England	AFCO Bournemouth (RN)	60	80
Wales & Western England	AFCO Bristol (RN)	50	60
Wales & Western England	AFCO Cardiff (RN)	80	70
Wales & Western England	AFCO Coventry (RN)	20	10
Wales & Western England	AFCO Exeter (RN)	70	70

Wales & Western England	AFCO Gloucester (RN)	60	70
Wales & Western England	AFCO Plymouth (RN)	100	130
Wales & Western England	OCLC Plymouth	70	60
Wales & Western England	AFCO Redruth (RN)	40	70
Wales & Western England	AFCO Shrewsbury (RN)	40	30
Wales & Western England	AFCO Stoke (RN)	30	30
Wales & Western England	AFCO Swansea (RN)	50	50
Wales & Western England	AFCO Wrexham (RN)	30	20
Wales & Western England	CIO Taunton(RN & RM)	50	60
Wales & Western England	CIO Wolverhampton	20	20
Admiralty Interview Board	Admiralty Interview Board	40	60

**Region and Office**

2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017
60	60	60
50	70	50
80	90	80
110	110	120
100	90	110
70	70	70
100	130	100
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