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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email received by the Ministry Of Defence on 19/11/2018 requesting the following information:

"I'm trying to find out what the enlistment or recruitment rates are for the Regular UK military in terms of national origin -- that is, whether enlistees/recruits are from Scotland, England, Wales, or Northern Ireland. In terms of the time period, I'm interested in current figures and/or any figures from the last 5 years or so."

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 and has been provided in the accompanying Excel table.

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.gov.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

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.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

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UK Regulars¹ Intake by Nationality and Service for the previous 1

| 12 months ending: | 31/03/2014 | 31/03/2015 | 31/03/2016 | 31/03/2017 |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Tri-Service | | | | |
| UK Nationality | 92.1% | 95.6% | 96.4% | 94.9% |
| Non-UK Nationality | 5.3% | 3.2% | 2.3% | 4.1% |
| Unknown Nationality | 2.6% | 1.2% | 1.3% | 1.0% |
| Royal Navy/Royal Marines | | | | |
| UK Nationality | 94.9% | 95.5% | 95.1% | 97.1% |
| Non-UK Nationality | 1.8% | 1.4% | 1.0% | 0.7% |
| Unknown Nationality | 3.3% | 3.1% | 3.9% | 2.2% |
| Army | | | | |
| UK Nationality | 89.1% | 94.8% | 96.3% | 93.1% |
| Non-UK Nationality | 8.1% | 4.5% | 3.1% | 6.2% |
| Unknown Nationality | 2.8% | 0.7% | 0.6% | 0.7% |
| RAF | | | | |
| UK Nationality | 99.3% | 99.3% | 99.0% | 99.3% |
| Non-UK Nationality | 0.3% | 0.5% | 0.8% | 0.3% |
| Unknown Nationality | 0.4% | 0.3% | 0.2% | 0.4% |

Source: Defence

1. UK Regulars comprise Full time Service personnel, including Nursing Services, but excluding Gurkhas, mobilised Reservists, Military Provost Guard Service (MPGS), Locally Engaged Personnel, High Readiness Reserve (HRR) and Expeditionary Forces Institute (EFI) personnel. Unless otherwise stated, personnel.

five financial years

| 31/03/2018 |
|------------|
| 93.7% |
| 5.3% |
| 0.9% |
| 95.8% |
| 3.6% |
| 0.5% |
| 91.4% |
| 7.4% |
| 1.2% |
| 98.6% |
| 0.9% |
| 0.5% |

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Full Time Reserve Service (FTRS) personnel,
 nel (LEP), Non Regular Permanent Staff (NRPS),
 wise stated, includes trained and untrained