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Dear Ms Walters,

Thank you for your email of 17 November in which you requested the following information:

"I attach 2 FOI responses which I am trying to reconcile, they both cover the same time period.

The first includes figures for rank on exit for 12 and 22 years LOS

The second includes figures for rank on exit for 22+ years LOS

The figures for the 22 year point and the 22+ are very different. For ORs only the totals differ significantly, 5,930 in the first and 16,790 in the second. Clearly there will be some soldiers who leave after a long service engagement or a 24 year career having converted to VEng (Full) 24 years, although presumably this does not account for the majority of the difference. Please could you shed some light on the differences in these 2 documents which span the same time period.

What would be helpful is if you could provide data for Other Ranks leaving from 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2017, by rank at:

- The 12 year point*
- the 22 to 24 year points (inclusive) to cover all those ORs leaving after a full career; and*
- after 22 years' service or above".*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that the information in scope of your request is held and is attached.

The tables attached should be able to answer the questions within your request in relation to the difference in figures that show rank on exit for 22 years of service and 22+ years of service. To further explain, during the time period of 1 April 2007 – 31 March 2017, 17,680 soldiers left with Length of Service (LoS) of 22 years or more, as shown in the table below:

Length of Service (years)	'Other Rank' Soldier exit figures
22	6210
23	4780
24	3200
25+	3490
Total	17680

Under Section 16 (Advice & Assistance) it would be useful to explain that many soldiers convert to VEng (Full) and serve beyond the 22 year point. Some soldiers convert to VEng(Long) which allows them to serve to 30 years or longer.

I can confirm that on 1st October 2016 the Army definition of "Trained" changed from those who had completed phase 2 training to those who had completed phase 1 training. Those who have completed phase 2 training are now described as "Trade Trained".

The table attached is for "Trade Trained" (Phase 2 Trained) throughout the entire period and is therefore consistent with the tables provided previously.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance. Following this, 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). 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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Yours sincerely,



Army Secretariat.

Trade Trained Regular Army Personnel Leaving at 12 years, 22 to 24 Years, and 22+ Years Length of Service² by Arm/Service and Other Ranks from 1st April 2007 to 31st March 2017

Question: What would be helpful is if you could provide data for Other Ranks leaving from 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2017, by rank at:

- The 12 year point.
- The 22 to 24 year points (inclusive) to cover all those ORs leaving after a full career.
- After 22 years' service or above.

Trade Trained Regular Army Personnel leaving at 12 years Length of Service by Arm/Service and Other Rank between 1st April 2007 and 31st March 2017								
Arm/Service	Rank							
	Total	Pte	LCpl	Cpl	Sgt	SSgt	WO2	WO1
Total	3,120	410	670	1,320	620	80	20	-
Household Cavalry/Royal Armoured Corps	160	-	30	100	20	-	-	-
Royal Regiment of Artillery	210	10	50	100	40	-	-	-
Corps of Royal Engineers	290	30	90	120	30	10	-	-
Royal Corps of Signals	300	10	60	130	90	10	-	-
Infantry	820	260	150	290	100	10	-	-
Army Air Corps	50	-	10	20	10	-	-	-
Royal Logistic Corps	500	80	170	210	40	-	-	-
Royal Army Medical Corps	60	-	10	30	20	-	-	-
Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers	370	10	60	180	120	10	-	-
Adjutant Generals Corps	200	-	10	80	90	10	-	-
Royal Army Veterinary Corps	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Royal Army Dental Corps	20	-	-	10	-	-	-	-
Intelligence Corps	50	-	-	10	30	20	-	-
Royal Army Physical Training Corps	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps	50	-	-	30	10	-	-	-
Corps of Army Music	20	-	20	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Defence Statistics (Army)

Trade Trained Regular Army Personnel leaving at 22 to 24 Years Length of Service by Arm/Service and Other Rank between 1st April 2007 and 31st March 2017								
Arm/Service	Rank							
	Total	Pte	LCpl	Cpl	Sgt	SSgt	WO2	WO1
Total	14,190	60	160	1,510	3,210	3,380	3,940	1,930
Household Cavalry/Royal Armoured Corps	800	-	-	80	190	190	250	80
Royal Regiment of Artillery	1,330	-	20	90	330	320	470	100
Corps of Royal Engineers	1,120	10	30	170	140	280	340	160
Royal Corps of Signals	1,190	-	-	80	290	380	240	200
Infantry	2,570	40	40	480	670	550	670	120
Army Air Corps	240	-	-	10	30	50	100	50
Royal Logistic Corps	2,550	10	50	380	470	510	710	410
Royal Army Medical Corps	380	-	-	20	40	110	130	80
Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers	2,100	-	-	80	720	510	360	430
Adjutant Generals Corps	1,140	-	-	70	230	300	350	180
Royal Army Veterinary Corps	20	-	-	-	-	10	10	-
Small Arms School Corps	40	-	-	-	-	-	30	10
Royal Army Dental Corps	50	-	-	-	10	20	10	10
Intelligence Corps	240	-	-	-	20	40	140	40
Royal Army Physical Training Corps	140	-	-	-	-	30	80	30
Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps	60	-	-	10	10	20	10	10
Corps of Army Music	200	-	20	40	60	50	20	10
Senior Soldier Continuity Posts	20	-	-	-	-	-	10	-

Source: Defence Statistics (Army)

Trade Trained Regular Army Personnel leaving at 22+ Years Length of Service by Arm/Service and Other Rank between 1st April 2007 and 31st March 2017								
Arm/Service	Rank							
	Total	Pte	LCpl	Cpl	Sgt	SSgt	WO2	WO1
Total	17,680	80	180	1,680	3,620	4,070	5,300	2,740
Household Cavalry/Royal Armoured Corps	930	-	-	90	210	230	310	90
Royal Regiment of Artillery	1,420	-	20	100	350	330	510	100
Corps of Royal Engineers	1,550	10	40	210	180	360	510	240
Royal Corps of Signals	1,360	-	-	100	320	440	270	240
Infantry	3,230	40	40	540	780	690	940	200
Army Air Corps	330	-	-	10	40	70	140	80
Royal Logistic Corps	3,050	10	50	400	520	600	900	560
Royal Army Medical Corps	420	-	-	20	40	120	140	90
Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers	2,380	-	-	80	770	580	410	540
Adjutant Generals Corps	1,540	10	-	80	270	370	500	320
Royal Army Veterinary Corps	30	-	-	-	-	10	10	-
Small Arms School Corps	60	-	-	-	-	-	40	20
Royal Army Dental Corps	60	-	-	-	10	20	10	20
Intelligence Corps	290	-	-	-	20	50	160	60
Royal Army Physical Training Corps	180	-	-	-	-	30	100	50
Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps	70	-	-	10	10	20	20	10
Corps of Army Music	290	10	20	40	80	60	40	30
Senior Soldier Continuity Posts	500	-	-	-	30	100	280	100

Source: Defence Statistics (Army)

Notes/Caveats:

"Trade Trained" means Phase 2 trained. On 1st October 2016 the Army definition of "Trained" changed from those who had completed phase 2 training to those who had completed phase 1 training. Those who have completed phase 2 training are now described as "Trade Trained".

²Length of service has been calculated using entry date. There are known problems with the entry date information extracted from JPA which is supposed to reflect their 'current entry date' but if personnel have transferred to the Army from another Service, served under an alternative assignment type (e.g. reserve forces), are re-entrants or have transferred from Other Ranks to Officers, their entry date may correspond to any of these events. The resulting LoS may reflect their current period of service, include previous service, or it may be the time that has elapsed since they first joined the Armed Forces, irrespective of any break in service.

The figures are for Trained Regular Army only and therefore exclude Gurkhas, Full Time Reserve Service, Mobilised Reserves, TA and all other Reserves, but includes those personnel that have transferred from GURTAM to UKTAP.

Any Ranks or Arm/Service not shown have had no outflow to Civil Life of personnel with either 12 years, 22 to 24 years, or 22+ years of service for the period 1st April 2007 to 31st March 2017.

Figures have been rounded to 10; numbers ending in "5" have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent systematic bias. Totals and sub-totals have been rounded separately and so may not appear to be the sum of their parts.

"-" denotes zero or rounded to zero.