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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 2 June 2019 requesting the following information:

- "1. Please provide the number of Officers on the establishment of all units based at Whittington Barracks, Staffordshire.
Please provide the numbers in the following brackets
OF1-2, OF3, OF4-5 and OF6 or higher.*
- 2. Please provide the number of Officer Service Family Accommodation Quarters for this group.
Please provide the numbers by type.*
- 3. Please provide the number of Officers of this group currently placed in Substitute Service Family Accommodation.*
- 4. Please provide any information regarding the present or future construction of Officer Service Family Accommodation to serve Whittington Barracks."*

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. The information you have requested can be found below but some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemption provided for at section 40 FOIA (Personal Data) and has been withheld.

Where the quantity is less than 10, section 40(2) has been applied in order to protect personal information as governed by the General Data Protection Regulation and Data Protection Act 2018. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

- 1. Please provide the number of Officers on the establishment of all units based at Whittington Barracks, Staffordshire.**

[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
OF1-OF2	36
OF3	51

OF4-OF5	51
OF6+	10
Total	148

2. Please provide the number of Officer Service Family Accommodation Quarters for this group. Please provide the numbers by type.

Type	2	3	4	5
Quantity	Less than 10	Less than 10	23	16

3. Please provide the number of Officers of this group currently placed in Substitute Service Family Accommodation.

There are less than 10 officers residing in Substitute Service Family Accommodation at Whittington Barracks.

4. Please provide any information regarding the present or future construction of Officer Service Family Accommodation to serve Whittington Barracks.

There are no plans to construct additional Service Family Accommodation (SFA) at Whittington Barracks at this time.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that the figures in response to question 1 are based on Service personnel's stationed location and not their location of residence. The figures in response to question 2 show the SFA directly serving Whittington Barracks and do not include SFA captured by the 10 mile radius rule.

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 in writing within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely,

DIO Secretariat