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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 9 October 2019, in which you requested the following information:

1. "Over the period 1 January 2016 - 31 December 2017 how many Royal Marines applicants requested a review of the decision to reject their application on medical grounds?"
2. Of these, how many were successful in overturning the original decision?"

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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

In answer to your first question, over the period 1 January 2016 - 31 December 2017, 44 Royal Marines applicants requested a review of the decision to reject their application on medical grounds. This figure includes applicants for Officers, Other Ranks and the Royal Marines Band Service. In answer to your second question, 35 applicants were successful in overturning the original decision.

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

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