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Dear [REDACTED],

Release of Information

Further to our letter of 23 October 2019, I am now able to respond in full to your request for the following information:

'Since 1st April 2017, Across all ranks within the Royal Navy - How many personnel have applied and successfully achieved early release (out before the 12 months Return of Service) whilst putting in their early termination?

Can you break this down into Rank and Branches if possible.'

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

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

It may be helpful to note that 1,955 Trained Regular Royal Navy/Royal Marines personnel submitted an early termination application from 1 April 2017 onwards and subsequently were recorded as having left the Regular Royal Navy/Royal Marines under voluntary outflow prior to 1 July 2019. Of these, 81 personnel were excluded from the analysis as they submitted multiple early termination applications and the information required to identify with certainty whether they left within 12 months is not readily available. Of the remaining 1,874 personnel, 680 were recorded as leaving under voluntary outflow within 12 months of submitting their early termination application. A breakdown of these personnel by branch and rank is provided within the Annex attached to this letter.

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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Yours sincerely

Navy Command Secretariat - FOI Section

**Table 1. Trained Regular Royal Navy/Royal Marines Officers who Submitted an Early Termination Application from 1 April 2017 and Outflowed prior to 1 July 2019, by Branch and Paid Rank.**

	<b>Total</b>	OF7+	OF6	OF5	OF4	OF3	OF2
<b>Total</b>	<b>180</b>	~	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>40</b>
RN Chaplain	~	-	-	-	~	-	-
RN Engineer	<b>50</b>	~	~	10	10	10	10
RN Logistics	<b>20</b>	-	~	~	~	10	10
RN Medical	<b>20</b>	-	~	~	10	~	~
RN Warfare	<b>70</b>	~	~	~	20	20	20
Royal Marine Band Service	~	-	-	-	-	~	-
Royal Marine General Service	<b>20</b>	-	~	~	10	10	~

Source: Defence Statistics (Navy)

1. Figures have been rounded to the nearest 10 in line with disclosure control policy. Figures ending in 5 are rounded to the nearest 20 to avoid bias, 5 or fewer is represented by '~', 0 is represented by '-'.
2. Totals and sub-totals are rounded separately and so may not equal the sums of their rounded parts.

**Table 2. Trained Regular Royal Navy Ratings/Royal Marines Other Ranks who Submitted an Early Termination Application from 1 April 2017 and Outflowed prior to 1 July 2019, by Branch and Paid Rank.**

	<b>Total</b>	OR8/9	OR7	OR6	OR4	OR2/3
<b>Total</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>250</b>
RN Engineer Fleet Air Arm	<b>40</b>	10	10	10	10	10
RN Engineer General Service	<b>120</b>	20	10	10	10	80
RN Engineer Submarine	<b>40</b>	~	~	~	20	10
RN Logistics	<b>40</b>	~	10	10	10	20
RN Medical	<b>30</b>	~	~	~	10	10
RN Warfare Fleet Air Arm	<b>10</b>	-	~	~	-	~
RN Warfare General Service	<b>90</b>	10	~	~	20	60
RN Warfare Submarine	<b>20</b>	~	~	~	~	10
Royal Marine Band Service	<b>100</b>	20	10	~	20	50
Royal Marine General Service	<b>10</b>	~	~	-	~	~

Source: Defence Statistics (Navy)

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