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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 06 September in which you requested the following information:

1. *Could you please tell me how many soldiers (not commissioned officers) since 2010 served in the Infantry or are currently serving in the Infantry beyond the age of 45*
2. *Of those can you please advise:
how many have since been discharged and in what rank, LOS and age of those who remain serving please detail their current age, rank and LOS/remaining service*
3. *Could you please also specify on both the above categories how many soldiers beyond the age of 45 hold/held (at time of discharge) a P2 medical grading served/are serving in combat, combat service or combat service support roles.*
[sic]

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 information is held and is shown below.

1. *Could you please tell me how many soldiers (not commissioned officers) since 2010 served in the Infantry or are currently serving in the Infantry beyond the age of 45*

Regular Army Infantry Other Ranks Soldiers that have Reached the Age of 45 and over during the period 1st January 2010 to 31st March 2019

Table 1

	Total
Other Ranks who have reached the age of 45 and over	820

Source: Defence Statistics

(Army)

Strength of Regular Army Infantry Other Ranks Soldiers aged 45 and Over as at 1st April 2019 by Age and Rank

Table 1a

Rank	Total	45-49	50-54	55-60
Total	250	200	40	10
Maj	-	-	-	-
Capt	30	20	10	-
WO1	10	10	-	-
WO2	80	70	10	-
SSgt	60	50	-	-
Sgt	30	30	-	-
Cpl	30	30	-	-
LCpl	-	-	-	-
Pte	-	-	-	-

Source: Defence Statistics (Army)

2. *Of those can you please advise: how many have since been discharged and in what rank, LOS and age of those who remain serving please detail their current age, rank and LOS/remaining service*

Strength of Regular Army Other Ranks Infantry Soldiers aged 45 and Over as at 1st April 2019 by Age and Length of Service

Table 2

Length of Service in Years	Total	45-49	50-54	55-60
Total	250	200	40	10
0-10	20	10	-	-
11-20	80	70	10	-
21-30	140	120	20	-
31+	10	-	10	-

Source: Defence Statistics (Army)

Strength of Regular Army Other Ranks Infantry Soldiers Aged 45 and Over as at 1st April 2019 by Age and Remaining Service

Table 2a

Remaining Service	Age			
	Total	45-49	50-54	55-60
Total	250	200	40	10
Less Than A Year	60	40	10	-
1 to 2 Years	40	30	10	-
2 to 3 Years	40	40	-	-
3 to 4 Years	30	20	-	-
4 to 5 Years	30	20	10	-
5 to 6 Years	20	20	-	-
6 to 7 Years	10	10	-	-
7 to 8 Years	10	10	-	-
8 to 9 Years	10	10	-	-
9 to 10 Years	-	-	-	-
10 + Years	-	-	-	-

Source: Defence Statistics (Army)

Outflow of Regular Army Other Ranks Infantry Soldiers Aged 45 and Over from 1st January 2010 to 31st March 2019 by Age and Rank

Table 2b

Rank	Total	45-49	50-54	55-60
Total	570	460	60	40
Maj	-	-	-	-
WO1	50	20	20	10
WO2	160	120	20	20
SSgt	110	80	20	10
Sgt	110	110	-	-
Cpl	120	100	10	-
LCpl	20	10	-	-
Pte	10	10	-	-

Source: Defence Statistics (Army)

Outflow of Regular Army Other Ranks Infantry Soldiers Aged 45 and Over from 1st January 2010 to 31st March 2019 by Age and Length of Service

Table 2c

Length of Service in Years	Age			
	Total	45-49	50-54	55-60
Total	570	460	60	40
0-10	50	30	10	-
11-20	120	100	10	-
21-30	340	330	10	-
31+	70	10	30	30

Source: Defence Statistics
(Army)

3. *Could you please also specify on both the above categories how many soldiers beyond the age of 45 hold/held (at time of discharge) a P2 medical grading served/are serving in combat, combat service or combat service support roles [sic]*

Of the **818** UK Army Infantry personnel (within combat, combat service or combat service support roles) over the age of 45 who served between 1 January 2010 and 31 March 2019:

- **159** personnel were in service as at 1 April 2019 with a P2 medical grading.
- **271** personnel had discharged from service with a P2 medical grading.
- Therefore, **388** personnel were in service as at 1 April 2019, or had discharged from service, with a medical grading other than P2.

Source: electronic Defence Statistics
(Health)

Notes/Caveats to Tables:

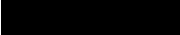
1. The figures are for the Trade Trained Regular Army only and therefore exclude Gurkhas, Full Time Reserve Service, Mobilised Reserves, Army Reserve and all other Reserves, but includes those personnel that have transferred from GURTAM to UKTAP.
2. LoS and Age are recorded as per the army Joint Personnel Administrative system (JPA)
3. Length 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. Figures that this may effect have been highlighted with a *.
4. Fewer than 5 people have left the army and subsequently re-joined, we have included these within the strength figures **not** outflow.

5. Figures have been rounded to 10 to limit disclosure and ensure confidentiality; numbers ending in "5" have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent systematic bias.
6. "-" denotes zero or rounded to zero
7. Totals and sub-totals have been rounded separately and so may not appear to be the sum of their parts.

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Yours sincerely,


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