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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email received by the Ministry of Defence on 24th July 2020 requesting the following information:

“We are currently undertaking our regular update on the UK defence landscape and would be grateful if you could help supply or point me in the direction of the statics covering RN/Army/RAF & Civilian manpower levels per operating base i.e. RAF Brize Norton.”

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

We have now completed a search for the information you requested, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

However, the information on number of personnel at operating bases is withheld in its entirety under Section 26 Defence (1)(b) of the Freedom of Information Act. Its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the capability, effectiveness or security of any relevant forces and has therefore been withheld.

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

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Would you like to be added to our contact list, so that we can inform you about updates to our statistical publications covering Military Personnel and consult you if we are thinking of making changes? You can subscribe to updates by emailing Analysis-Tri-Service@mod.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

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