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Dear 

Thank you for your email of 22 September requesting the following information:

For the Army, please can you confirm:

- 1. How many soldiers were eligible for Conditional conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.**
- 2. How many soldiers have been successful for Conditional conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.**
- 3. What were the ranks of the above soldiers.**
- 4. How many soldiers were eligible for Automatic conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.**
- 5. How many soldiers have been successful for Automatic conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.**
- 6. What were the ranks of the above soldiers.**

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). The information you have requested is shown on the enclosed spreadsheet.

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Yours sincerely

Civil Secretary

Annex A - Conversion from VEng (Short) to VEng (Full) in 2016

	Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers	Royal Logistics Corps	Infantry*	Royal Armoured Corps	Royal Artillery	Army Medical Corps
How many soldiers were eligible for Conditional conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.	Not held	Not held	80	Not held	N/A	Not held
How many soldiers have been successful for Conditional conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.	Not held	Not held	60	Not held	N/A	Not held
What were the ranks of the above soldiers	N/A	Not held	Rifleman Lance Corporal Corporal	Lance Corporal	N/A	Not held
How many soldiers were eligible for Automatic conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.	Not held	Not held	Not held	Not held	N/A	N/A
How many soldiers have been successful for Automatic conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.	Not held	Not held	Not held	Not held	140	N/A
What were the ranks of the above soldiers	N/A	Not held	N/A	Corporal	Lance Bombardier Bombardier Sergeant	N/A

	Army Air Corps	Royal Engineers	Intelligence Corps^	Royal Signals & QG Signals	Adjutant General's Corps	Corps of Army Music (CAMUS)
How many soldiers were eligible for Conditional conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.	N/A	N/A	Not held	N/A	Not held	N/A
How many soldiers have been successful for Conditional conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.	N/A	N/A	~	0 (QGS)	Not held	N/A
What were the ranks of the above soldiers	N/A	N/A	Lance Corporal	N/A	N/A	N/A
How many soldiers were eligible for Automatic conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.	N/A	350	Not held	Not held	Not held	N/A
How many soldiers have been successful for Automatic conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.	N/A	190	130	390	170	N/A
What were the ranks of the above soldiers	N/A	Lance Corporal Corporal Sergeant Staff Sergeant Warrant Officer 2	Corporal Sergeant	Signaller Lance Corporal	Lance Corporal Corporal Sergeant	N/A

*Queen's Division only

Royal Engineers conversions are Automatic

^Intelligence Corps statistics are held in FY format - the first year of the FY is shown on its respective tab

Adjutant General's Corps and Royal Signals show the number successful in both Conditional and Automatic selection

Note. Under National Statistics rounding conventions to prevent inadvertent identification of individuals all figures are rounded to the nearest 10, numbers ending in 5 have been rounded up to the nearest multiple of 10 to avoid systematic bias. Figures below 5 are denoted by ~, zero is denoted by -. Totals and sub-totals have been rounded separately and may not equal the sum of their rounded parts.

Annex A - Conversion from VEng (Short) to VEng (Full) in 2017

	Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers	Royal Logistics Corps	Infantry	Royal Armoured Corps	Royal Artillery	Army Medical Corps
How many soldiers were eligible for Conditional conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.	Not held	Not held	70	Not held	N/A	Not held
How many soldiers have been successful for Conditional conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.	~	Not held	50	Not held	N/A	Not held
What were the ranks of the above soldiers	Craftsman Lance Corporal	Not held	Rifleman Lance Corporal Corporal	Lance Corporal	N/A	Not held
How many soldiers were eligible for Automatic conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.	Not held	Not held	Not held	Not held	N/A	N/A
How many soldiers have been successful for Automatic conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.	Not held	Not held	Not held	Not held	130	N/A
What were the ranks of the above soldiers	N/A	Not held	N/A	Corporal	Lance Bombardier Bombardier Sergeant	N/A
	Army Air Corps	Royal Engineers	Intelligence Corps^	Royal Signals & QG Signals	Adjutant General's Corps	Corps of Army Music (CAMUS)
How many soldiers were eligible for Conditional conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.	N/A	N/A	Not held	N/A	Not held	N/A
How many soldiers have been successful for Conditional conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.	N/A	N/A	-	49	Not held	N/A
What were the ranks of the above soldiers	N/A	N/A	N/A	Signaller Lance Corporal Corporal	N/A	N/A
How many soldiers were eligible for Automatic conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.	N/A	340	Not held	Not held	Not held	N/A
How many soldiers have been successful for Automatic conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.	N/A	210	140	300	110	N/A
What were the ranks of the above soldiers	N/A	Lance Corporal Corporal Sergeant Staff Sergeant Warrant Officer 2 Warrant Officer 1	Corporal Sergeant Staff Sergeant	Signaller Lance Corporal	Lance Corporal Corporal Sergeant	N/A

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Annex A - Conversion from VEng (Short) to VEng (Full) in 2018

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How many soldiers were eligible for Conditional conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.	Not held	130	290	30	N/A	N/A
How many soldiers have been successful for Conditional conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.	10	120	120	30	20	N/A
What were the ranks of the above soldiers	Craftsman Lance Corporal Corporal	Private Lance Corporal	Private Rifleman Lance Corporal Corporal	Lance Corporal	Lance Bombardier	N/A
How many soldiers were eligible for Automatic conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.	Not held	20	330	Not held	N/A	220
How many soldiers have been successful for Automatic conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.	20	20	140	Not held	160	110
What were the ranks of the above soldiers	Craftsman Lance Corporal Corporal	Corporal Sergeant Staff Sergeant	Corporal Lance Sergeant	Corporal	Lance Bombardier Bombardier Sergeant	Corporal Sergeant Staff Sergeant Warrant Officer 2

	Army Air Corps	Royal Engineers	Intelligence Corps^	Royal Signals & QG Signals	Adjutant General's Corps	Corps of Army Music (CAMUS)
How many soldiers were eligible for Conditional conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.	N/A	N/A	Not held	N/A	Not held	40
How many soldiers have been successful for Conditional conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.	N/A	N/A	~	20	Not held	40
What were the ranks of the above soldiers	N/A	N/A	Lance Corporal	Signaller Lance Corporal Corporal	N/A	Musician Lance Corporal
How many soldiers were eligible for Automatic conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.	N/A	380	Not held	Not held	Not held	40
How many soldiers have been successful for Automatic conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.	30	300	60	380	120	40
What were the ranks of the above soldiers	Corporal	Lance Corporal Corporal Sergeant	Corporal Sergeant	Signaller Lance Corporal	Lance Corporal Corporal Sergeant	Lance Corporal Corporal

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Annex A - Conversion from VEng (Short) to VEng (Full) in 2019

	Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers	Royal Logistics Corps	Infantry	Royal Armoured Corps	Royal Artillery	Army Medical Corps
How many soldiers were eligible for Conditional conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.	Not held	150	70	50	N/A	170
How many soldiers have been successful for Conditional conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.	30	120	50	10	80	120
What were the ranks of the above soldiers	Craftsman Lance Corporal Corporal	Private Lance Corporal	Rifleman Lance Corporal Corporal	Lance Corporal	Lance Bombardier	Sergeant Staff Sergeant Warrant Officer 2 Warrant Officer 1
How many soldiers were eligible for Automatic conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.	Not held	220	N/A	110	N/A	N/A
How many soldiers have been successful for Automatic conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.	230	190	N/A	100	100	N/A
What were the ranks of the above soldiers	Craftsman Lance Corporal Corporal	Corporal Sergeant Staff Sergeant	N/A	Corporal	Lance Bombardier Bombardier Sergeant	N/A

	Army Air Corps	Royal Engineers	Intelligence Corps*	Royal Signals & QG Signals	Adjutant General's Corps	Corps of Army Music (CAMUS)
How many soldiers were eligible for Conditional conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.	10	N/A	Not held	N/A	Not held	20
How many soldiers have been successful for Conditional conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.	10	N/A	0	25	Not held	20
What were the ranks of the above soldiers	Air Trooper Lance Corporal	N/A	N/A	Signaller Lance Corporal Corporal	N/A	Musician Lance Corporal Corporal
How many soldiers were eligible for Automatic conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.	N/A	340	Not held	Not held	Not held	20
How many soldiers have been successful for Automatic conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.	20	410	140	280	140	20
What were the ranks of the above soldiers	Corporal	Lance Corporal Corporal Sergeant Staff Sergeant Warrant Officer 2	Corporal Sergeant	Signaller Lance Corporal	Lance Corporal Corporal Sergeant	Lance Corporal

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How many soldiers were eligible for Conditional conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.	120	920	N/A	90	N/A	70
How many soldiers have been successful for Conditional conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.	0	150	N/A	40	N/A	50
What were the ranks of the above soldiers	N/A	Private Lance Corporal	N/A	Lance Corporal	N/A	Sergeant Staff Sergeant Warrant Officer 2 Warrant Officer 1
How many soldiers were eligible for Automatic conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.	Not held	200	N/A	110	N/a	N/A
How many soldiers have been successful for Automatic conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.	120	80	N/A	-	520	N/A
What were the ranks of the above soldiers	Craftsman Lance Corporal Corporal	Corporal Sergeant Staff Sergeant	N/A	Corporal	Lance Bombardier Bombardier Sergeant	N/A
	Army Air Corps	Royal Engineers	Intelligence Corps*	Royal Signals & QG Signals	Adjutant General's Corps	Corps of Army Music (CAMUS)
How many soldiers were eligible for Conditional conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.	~	N/A	N/A	N/A	Not held	10
How many soldiers have been successful for Conditional conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.	-	N/A	N/A	10	Not held	10
What were the ranks of the above soldiers	Lance Corporal	N/A	N/A	Signaller Lance Corporal Corporal	N/A	Musician
How many soldiers were eligible for Automatic conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.	N/A	320	N/A	Not held	Not held	10
How many soldiers have been successful for Automatic conversion between a VEng (Short) and a VEng (Full) by capbadge by year from 2016 to-date.	10	230	N/A	290	80	10
What were the ranks of the above soldiers	Corporal	Lance Corporal Corporal Sergeant Staff Sergeant	N/A	Signaller Lance Corporal	Lance Corporal Corporal Sergeant	Lance Corporal

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