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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 19 March in which you requested the following information:

*"I would like to know the number of Infantry soldiers that have applied to transfer to the REME and have been successful in transferring to the REME, by rank for each year from 2013 - 2019(incl)."*

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 the information in scope of your request is in the below table.

Army Regular Trade Trained Transfers from Infantry to REME by Paid Rank by Financial Year

Paid Rank	Total	Financial Year					
		13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19
<b>Total</b>	<b>95</b>	~	5	15	25	25	25
<b>Staff Sergeant</b>	~	-	-	-	~	-	-
<b>Corporal</b>	15	-	5	~	5	-	-
<b>Lance Corporal</b>	35	-	~	5	10	10	10
<b>Private</b>	45	~	~	5	10	10	15

Source: Defence Statistics (Army)

Notes/Caveats:

1. Please note – These are actual transfers not applications to transfer.
2. The figures are for personnel who have transferred within the Trade Trained Regular Army population 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.
3. No Officers have transferred from Infantry to REME.
4. The data have been rounded to the nearest 5 to limit disclosure and ensure confidentiality.
5. Totals and sub-totals have been rounded separately and so may not appear to be the sum of their parts.
6. "-" denotes zero.
7. "~" fewer than 5.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance. Following this, if you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content

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Yours sincerely,

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