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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 07 June in which you requested the following information:

"I would like to request the following information with regards to the the recruitment of the ACF and CCF from 2010 to 2020.

- 1. The total number of cadets 'taken on strength' in the Army Cadet Force (ACF) between 1st January 2010 and December 31st 2020.*
- 2. The total number of cadets 'taken on strength' in the Combined Cadet Force (CCF) between 1st January 2010 and December 31st 2020.*

For clarity, I do not require a breakdown year by year, just the total number of cadets taken on strength for each organisation between 1st January 2010 and December 31st 2020."

You have also requested the following information on 07 June:

"I would like to request the following information with regards to the the recruitment of Cadet Force Adult Volunteers (CFAVs) into the ACF and CCF from 2010 to 2020.

- 1. The total number of CFAVs 'taken on strength' in the Army Cadet Force (ACF) between 1st January 2010 and December 31st 2020.*
- 2. The total number of CFAVs 'taken on strength' in the Combined Cadet Force (CCF) between 1st January 2010 and December 31st 2020.*

For clarity, I do not require a breakdown year by year, just the total number of CFAVs taken on strength for each organisation between 1st January 2010 and December 31st 2020."

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 held and is set out below.

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1. The total number of cadets 'taken on strength' in the Army Cadet Force (ACF) between 1st January 2010 and December 31st 2020 - 212,484

2. The total number of cadets 'taken on strength' in the Combined Cadet Force (CCF) between 1st January 2010 and December 31st 2020 – 247,711

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1. The total number of CFAVs 'taken on strength' in the Army Cadet Force (ACF) between 1st Jan 2010 and December 31st 2020 – *17,212 is the number of Adult records Taken on Strength during the timescale.
2. The total number of CFAV's 'taken on strength' in the Combined Cadet Force (CCF) between 1st January 2010 and December 31st 2020 – *5,753 is the number of Adult records Taken on Strength during the timescale.

Notes/Caveats:

1. * Adult records include Adult Categories of CFAV's, Non- Uniformed Volunteers', Permanent Staff and Service Helpers. Historically Adult category was not a recorded field and so cannot be reported on for this timescale.
2. The counts for the CCF captures all four Services that could make up a CCF Contingent (Army, RAF, Royal Navy & Royal Marine), a CCF Contingent can contain any combination of these four Services or just the one.

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Yours sincerely,

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