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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 26 July in which you requested the following information:

*“Under the freedom of information act, please can you provide the following information about the RADC:*

- 1) Number of Dental Officers in the RADC in 2021 (excluding reserves)*
- 2) Number of applicants for Dental Officers from 2016-2021*
- 3) Number of applicants for Dental Officers accepted from 2016-2021”*

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 some of the information in scope of your request is held and is given below. Please note that data prior to Recruiting Year (RY) 2018/19 is not held. In response to Q2, please note that under the Act a Public Authority is not required to create new information to respond to requests. The MOD holds data that could be used to produce information to answer your request. However, to do so would require significant data manipulation including complex analysis and sophisticated judgement to the extent that it can be considered ‘new’ information which is not currently held.

Q1. Army Trade Trained Regular Officers in the RADC as at 1st April 2021 - 75

Notes/Caveats:

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. All Officers of Paid Rank Colonel and above are included in Staff regardless of late Arm/Service.

Q.3 Dental Officers loaded to Training by year

RY 2018/19	~
RY 2019/20	~
RY 2020/21	~

Notes/Caveats:

1. Please note that the figures provided are single Service estimates based on data which is not gathered for statistical purposes or subject to the same level of scrutiny as official statistics produced by Defence Statistics. The figures provided may therefore be subject to data quality issues affecting their accuracy.
2. “~” denotes fewer than 5.

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Yours sincerely,

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