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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 18/10/2021 requesting the following information:

*"I was wondering if you had access to [...] numbers of under 5s UK service children? I would find this really useful to help make my case of taking notice of this age group."*

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that the information within your request is held. Please see the attached document which provides an estimate of the number of Service children aged under 5 based on data from the Armed Forces Continuous Attitude Survey 2021. Several caveats apply to this estimate which, along with background information, are also provided in the attached file.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Yours sincerely,

Defence Statistics (Surveys).