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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 23 February 2022 requesting the following information:

- 1 The number of applications made for extension in service on medical grounds for British Army personnel who were undergoing medical discharge for the most recent five financial years for which data is available.*
- 2 The number of applications granted for extension in service on medical grounds for British Army personnel who were undergoing medical discharge for the most recent five financial years for which data is available*
- 3 The average length of extension in service on medical grounds for British Army personnel who were undergoing medical discharge for the most recent five financial years for which data is available*

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 information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found below. Please note that the figures provided are single Service estimates based on management information 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.

1. Total number of applications between 1 April 2016 and 1 March 2022: 1397
2. Total number of applications approved: 1143
3. Average length of extension: 105 days

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance. If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request 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.gov.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely,



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