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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email received by the Ministry Of Defence on 25 January 2022 requesting the following information:

“I teach Public Services at Lakes College, West Cumbria. Many of our students are interested in joining different sections of the military, and we try to ensure that they are aware of the range of roles and specialisms that are available to them. As part of their preparation for the services, is it possible to establish the numbers recruited to the services at a county level? For example, how many military recruits came from Cumbria in the past 3 or 4 years?”

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

We have now completed a search for the information you requested, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

Please find attached an excel sheet documenting a yearly breakdown of recruitment of untrained^{1, 4, 5} UK Regular² personnel by County³ within the UK as at 1 April 2021.

Notes/Caveats:

1. Figures are for untrained personnel on intake, both Officers and Other Ranks.
2. UK Regulars comprise Full time Service personnel, including Nursing Services, but excluding Full Time Reserve Service (FTRS) personnel, Gurkhas, mobilised Reservists, Military Provost Guard Service (MPGS), Locally Engaged Personnel (LEP), Non Regular Permanent Staff (NRPS), High Readiness Reserve (HRR) and Expeditionary Forces Institute (EFI) personnel.
3. County has been identified by aggregating the data used to obtain the **Intake by Parliamentary Constituencies** data in the **Annual Location Statistics 2021 (ALS)** (<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/location-of-uk-regular-service-and-civilian-personnel-annual-statistics-2021>). Counties are the Home Nations of Wales, Scotland, Northern Island, the Metropolitan and Non-Metropolitan Counties of England (including Unitary Authorities), and Inner and Outer London. Also includes the Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Isles of Scilly.
4. For the Army, **Intake by Parliamentary Constituencies** data used here and in the ALS have been derived using the Postcode District only, not the full Postcode, as per the information held in ARITC management information system. Due to this, there could be instances where a Postcode District covers more than one Parliamentary Constituency. Where this occurs, personnel are assigned to the Parliamentary Constituency where the majority of a Postcode

District lies. For example Dudley South (Postcode Districts B64, DY1, DY2, DY5, DY6, DY8) has no reported intake in the above table, due to none of the Postcode Districts having a majority of constituent Postcodes within the constituency, meaning any true Dudley South intake is assigned to the Constituency where the Postcode District has a majority of constituent Postcodes, which in this case could be Dudley North (Postcode Districts DY1, DY2, DY3, DY4, DY5, WV14, WV4).

5. For the RAF and Royal Navy/Royal Marines, **Intake by Parliamentary Constituencies** data used here and in the ALS has been derived from Contact Postcode as recorded in the Defence Recruitment System (DRS).

Figures have been rounded to the nearest 10 in line with disclosure control policy. Figures ending in 5 are rounded to the nearest 20 to avoid bias, 5 or fewer is represented by '~', 0 is represented by '-'.

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If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance

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Would you like to be added to our contact list, so that we can inform you about updates to our statistical publications covering **Military Personnel** and consult you if we are thinking of making changes? You can subscribe to updates by emailing Analysis-Tri-Service@mod.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

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