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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 10 November 2021, in which you requested the following information:

“Under the freedom of information act, please can I request the following up to date information for 2021. The current number of personnel in each rank by cap badge / branch for the British Army. As per the attached document”.

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 below.

Table 1 shows Regular Trade Trained Officers by Arm/Service and Paid Rank as at 1st October 2021:

Arm/Service	Total	Rank							
		Lt Gen & Above	Maj Gen	Brig	Col	Lt Col	Maj	Capt	Subaltern
Total	12,350	20	40	160	520	1,760	4,250	4,210	1,390
Staff	740	20	40	160	520	-	-	-	-
Household Cavalry/Royal Armoured Corps	730					130	230	250	120
Royal Regiment of Artillery	1,020					140	380	360	140
Corps of Royal Engineers	1,190					170	410	440	160
Royal Corps of Signals	880					130	310	330	110
Infantry	2,420					360	840	880	340
Army Air Corps	430					50	180	180	20
Royal Army Chaplains' Department	120					20	80	30	-
The Royal Logistic Corps	1,290					190	480	470	150
Royal Army Medical Corps	940					220	400	280	40
Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers	740					110	250	270	100
Adjutant General's Corps, Staff & Personnel Support	420					50	150	160	60
Adjutant General's Corps, Royal Military Police	200					20	70	80	20
Adjutant General's Corps, Military Provost Service	10					-	-	-	-
Adjutant General's Corps, Educational and Training	300					40	100	120	40
Adjutant General's Corps, Army Legal Services Branch	90					30	40	20	-
Royal Army Veterinary Corps	40					10	20	20	-
Small Arms School Corps	30					-	10	20	-
Royal Army Dental Corps	70					20	40	10	-
Intelligence Corps	380					50	130	150	60
Royal Army Physical Training Corps	60					-	20	30	-
Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps	220					20	90	90	10
Royal Corps of Army Music	40					-	10	20	-

Source: Analysis (Army)

Table 2 shows Regular Trade Trained Other Ranks by Arm/Service and Paid Rank as at 1st October 2021:

Arm/Service	Total	Rank						
		WO1	WO2	SSgt	Sgt	Cpl	LCpl	Pte
Total	61,430	1,310	3,670	5,250	7,300	12,160	12,110	19,630
Household Cavalry/Royal Armoured Corps	3,790	40	170	200	390	660	780	1,540
Royal Regiment of Artillery	4,540	60	350	330	570	800	880	1,540
Corps of Royal Engineers	6,530	100	360	550	540	1,000	1,010	2,960
Royal Corps of Signals	4,770	110	230	490	700	1,070	1,470	700
Infantry	15,690	130	640	990	1,250	2,900	2,520	7,270
Army Air Corps	1,110	80	120	120	110	150	200	330
The Royal Logistic Corps	8,580	260	530	720	950	1,760	1,710	2,650
Royal Army Medical Corps	2,130	40	110	230	280	490	470	500
Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers	6,660	240	340	580	980	1,320	1,800	1,400
Adjutant General's Corps, Staff & Personnel Support	2,630	100	270	310	550	670	370	370
Adjutant General's Corps, Royal Military Police	1,100	30	70	140	190	450	230	-
Adjutant General's Corps, Military Provost Service	140	-	10	30	60	40	-	-
Royal Army Veterinary Corps	300	-	10	20	40	40	80	110
Small Arms School Corps	110	10	60	20	20	-	-	-
Royal Army Dental Corps	100	-	10	10	10	30	40	10
Intelligence Corps	1,310	40	150	150	300	360	320	-
Royal Army Physical Training Corps	380	20	60	160	130	-	-	-
Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps	740	10	40	90	110	300	100	90
Royal Corps of Army Music	610	10	30	70	90	120	150	140
Senior Soldier Continuity Posts	200	30	110	40	20	-	-	-

Source: Analysis (Army)

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. Table 1 and 2 use Paid Rank as recorded on the Joint Personnel Administration System.
3. All Officers of Paid Rank Colonel and above are included in Staff regardless of late Arm/Service.
4. Figures have been rounded to 10 to limit disclosure and ensure confidentiality; numbers ending in "5" have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent systematic bias.
5. Totals and sub-totals have been rounded separately and so may not appear to be the sum of their parts.
6. "-" denotes zero or rounded to zero.

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Yours sincerely,

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