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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email received by the Ministry Of Defence on 01/08/2022 requesting the following information:

We are conducting Armed Forces Needs Assessment for Essex and would like to ask for some information if possible. We do not need any sensitive information, just numbers for our report. The following information would be kindly appreciated:

1 – Reservists and Cadets adult volunteer numbers who have a permanent home address and/or residence at work address within the County of Essex.

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 partially held.

The MOD do not hold the residence at work address for Cadet Force Adult Volunteers in the County of Essex.

Cadet Adult Volunteers:

As at week commencing 8 August 2022 **765**¹ Cadet Force Adult Volunteers listed a home address in the county² of Essex on MOD Cadet Management Information Systems.

Notes and caveats:

1. This number excludes Sea Cadet Corps Cadet Force Adult Volunteers as unlike the other MOD Sponsored Cadet Forces they are an independent charity and therefore not subject to FOI requests.
2. County is not a mandated field in Cadet Management Information Systems therefore the figure provided may be higher.
3. The MOD do not hold the residence at work address for Cadet Force Adult Volunteers in the County of Essex.

Reserves:

Table 1: Estimates¹ of Future Reserve 2020 (FR20)² strengths in the County³ of Essex as at 01 April 2022

Derived Local Authority	Strength
Brentwood	70
Chelmsford	70
Colchester	250
Uttlesford	~
Total	390

Notes and caveats:

1. The figures are estimates because the stationed location data has not been verified for the Reserve population.
2. FR20 includes volunteer reserves who are mobilised, High Readiness Reserve and volunteer reserve personnel.
3. The figures are based on Service personnel's stationed location and not their location of residence – where personnel work isn't necessarily where they live. Personnel deployed on operations to an area away from their stationed location are shown against their most recent stationed location.
4. Figures have been rounded to the nearest 10 to prevent inadvertent disclosure. However, numbers ending in "5" have been rounded to the nearest 20 to prevent systematic bias. Totals and its constituent numbers have been rounded separately, and so Totals may not equal the sums of their rounded parts. Figures between 1 and 5 inclusive are represented by '~' to prevent possible disclosure.

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Yours sincerely,

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