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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email received by the Ministry Of Defence on 28/07/2023 requesting the following information:

“You kindly provided us recently with the figures for **Army Personnel Total based in South West England, Wiltshire** at our local Area Board level.

This information has already been very useful here, and I was hoping it would be possible to get the same information for the other regular forces personnel in Wiltshire? I apologise as I should have requested this all together initially – I hope it might still be possible though to get the combined figures for RN/RM/RAF by each of our 18 Area Boards? Would that be OK? It is for the same reason as the previous request, to inform our Community Area Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and improve the evidence base for local decision-making.”

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 the information in scope of your request is held.

Please see the table below.

**Number of UK Regulars<sup>1</sup> Personnel Stationed in Wiltshire<sup>2</sup> by Area Board<sup>3</sup> and Service as at 1 January 2023**

	<b>01 January 2023</b>
<b>Wiltshire</b>	<b>17,250</b>
Royal Navy/Royal Marines	180
Army	16,630
RAF	440
<b>Chippenham and Villages Area Board</b>	<b>530</b>
Royal Navy/Royal Marines	-
Army	530
RAF	-
<b>Corsham Area Board</b>	<b>770</b>
Royal Navy/Royal Marines	70
Army	490
RAF	200
<b>Pewsey Area Board</b>	<b>350</b>
Royal Navy/Royal Marines	-
Army	350
RAF	~
<b>Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board</b>	<b>1,610</b>
Royal Navy/Royal Marines	40
Army	1,570
RAF	~
<b>Salisbury Area Board</b>	<b>~</b>
Royal Navy/Royal Marines	-
Army	~
RAF	-
<b>Southern Wiltshire Area Board</b>	<b>70</b>
Royal Navy/Royal Marines	~
Army	50
RAF	10
<b>Stonehenge Area Board</b>	<b>6,320</b>
Royal Navy/Royal Marines	50
Army	6,070
RAF	200
<b>Tidworth Area Board</b>	<b>6,690</b>
Royal Navy/Royal Marines	-
Army	6,680
RAF	10
<b>Warminster Area Board</b>	<b>890</b>
Royal Navy/Royal Marines	10
Army	870
RAF	10
<b>Westbury Area Board</b>	<b>20</b>
Royal Navy/Royal Marines	-
Army	20
RAF	-

Source: Analysis (Tri-Service)

### Notes and Caveats:

1. UK Regular Army 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. Includes trained and untrained personnel.
2. 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. The Royal Navy/Royal Marines personnel on sea service are included against the country containing the home port of their ship.
3. 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, and zero represented by "-".

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Yours sincerely,

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