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Dear [REDACTED],

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 3 November 2022, in which you requested the following information:

'I request how many personnel use prescription TRT (Testosterone Replacement Therapy) in the Royal Navy?

Additionally, does the use of prescription TRT bar entry into the Royal Navy?'

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

A search for the information has been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

In response to part one of your request, the number of Royal Navy (RN) Service Personnel to have been prescribed Testosterone Replacement Therapy (TRT) at least once in 2021 (January to December) and 2022 (January to May) is detailed in the table below:

Year	Number of Personnel
2021	16
2022	12

In response to part two of your request, I can advise that the use of TRT may be a bar to pre-Service entry, but it would depend on the underlying reason. Each case would be considered on its own merits against current medical entry standards.

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

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Yours sincerely

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