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Dear [REDACTED],

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 4 November 2022 in which you requested the following information:

"Can you tell me how many Royal Marine recruits, categorised as 'in training', so therefore have not passed out, are currently classed as 'ashore'?
In addition, what are the reasons and how long has each recruit generally been 'ashore'?"

The information I am seeking is the numbers of new recruits, still in training, therefore having not passed out, at home, on full pay and classified as injured.
Very much look forward to hearing from you"

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

A search has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held and can be found at Annex A to this letter.

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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Table 1. Regular Untrained Royal Marines Sick on Shore (SoS) as at 17 November 2022

	Sick on Shore
Total	29

Source: CTCRM HQ

Recruits may be Sick on Shore (SoS) as they are awaiting a Medical Board of Service for medical discharge from the military due to injuries that preclude them from continuing training and entering the Royal Marines. Recruits may also be SoS as they are experiencing overuse and overtraining injuries. These injuries require the recruit to take a rest from the rigours of training and are therefore sent SoS where they are best placed to recuperate and recover, allowing them to re-enter recruit training at a later date.