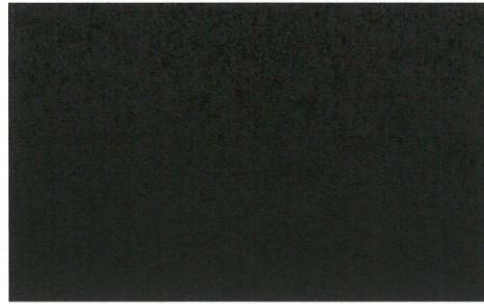




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3 November 2020

Dear [REDACTED],

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 13 October 2020 in which you requested the following information:

'In a previous Fol request [Ref: FOI2018/03656] you gave details on the number of people in each of the armed services who identified as Pagans, and those Pagans who identified as Wiccans.

Could you provide me with up-to-date figures for these two categories?

Could you also state how many people in each of the armed services identified in any religious group where the total number in the armed services for that religion was less than 100?'

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 which 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.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely

Navy Command Secretariat – FOI Section

ANNEX A  
to FOI2020/11445  
dated 3 November 2020

Table 1: Total Number of Regular Personnel who identified as Pagan or as Wicca, by Service, as at 1 April 2020.

	RN/RM	Army	RAF	All Services
Pagan	40	190	40	270
Wicca	~	10	~	20

Table 2: The total number of Regular Personnel who identified in any religious<sup>2</sup> group, which totalled less than 100, for all armed services, as at 1 April 2020.

		All Services
Christian	Congregational	20
	Eastern Orthodox	~
	Free Church of Scotland	30
	Greek Orthodox	20
	Lutheran	20
	Moravian	~
	Orthodox	80
	Plymouth Brethren	~
	Presbyterian Church of Wales	10
	Quaker (Society of Friends)	~
	Russian Orthodox	~
	Salvation Army	80
	Scottish Episcopal Church	40
	United Reformed Church	~
United Free Church of Scotland	80	
Christian Tradition	Christian Scientist	30
	Christian Tradition	60
	Church of Jesus Christ Of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon)	60
	Jehovah's Witness	~
	Other Christian Tradition	70
	Unitarian	10
Judaism	Judaism	100
No Religion	Secularist	20
Other	Baha'i	~
	Druid	20
	Jainist	~
	Spiritualist	40
	Wicca	20
	Zoroastrian (Parsee)	~

1. UK Regulars 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. Unless otherwise stated, includes trained and untrained personnel.

2. Religion, Religious requirement as reported on JPA

Figures have been rounded to the nearest 10

~ 5 or fewer

- zero personnel