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Dear [Redacted],

Thank you for your email received by the Ministry Of Defence on 28/01/2024 requesting the following information:

“Year's 2022 and 2023 latest available data.

As above can you please tell me those who have left the three services, by service and year. The information required is those who have left the Army rank Captain and above. The Navy Sub Lieutenant and above. The Airforce Pilot Officer and above.”

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 all information in scope of your request is held. Please find the number of Officer OF-1 and above (Royal Navy / Royal Marines and Royal Air Force) and Officer OF-2 and above (Army) Outflow from the UK Regular Forces and FR20 in the 12 months to 30 September 2022 and 2023 in Table 1 and Table 2 below.

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) you may find it useful to note NATO Rank codes and UK Service Ranks can be found in the Tri-Service glossary of terms and abbreviations via the following link:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5a7f534ded915d74e6229c76/Tri-Service_Glossary_-_Nov16.pdf

Table 1. 12 Months Ending Officer OF-1 and above (Royal Navy / Royal Marines and Royal Air Force) and Officer OF-2 and above (Army) Outflow³ from the UK Regular Forces⁴

12 Months Ending:	30 September 2022	30 September 2023
Royal Navy / Royal Marines		
Officers (OF-1 and above)	503	467
Army		
Officers (OF-2 and above)	906	1,053
Royal Air Force		
Officers (OF-1 and above)	425	514

Source: Analysis (Tri-Service)

Notes:

1. Figures show Officer OF-1 and above (Royal Navy / Royal Marines and Royal Air Force) and Officer OF-2 and above (Army) Outflow from the UK Regular Forces.
2. Outflow from the UK Regular Forces is provided for the 12 months to 30 September 2022 and the 12 months to 30 September 2023.
3. Outflow from UK Regular Forces, both Trained and Untrained, including personnel leaving the Services, deaths and recalled reservists on release. They do not include promotion from Ranks to Officers or flows between Services.
4. 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.
5. An Officer is a member of the Armed Forces holding the Queen's Commission to lead and command elements of the forces. Officers form the middle and senior management of the Armed Forces. This includes ranks from Sub-Lt/2nd Lt/Pilot Officer up to Admiral of the Fleet/Field Marshal/Marshal of the Royal Air Force but excludes Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs).
6. Figures are based on individuals paid rank.
7. There are a small number of personnel within the Royal Air Force which are being captured in the OF-1/OF(D), however for Pay purposes their NATO rank is within the Other Ranks.

Table 2. 12 Months Ending Officer OF-1 and above (Royal Navy / Royal Marines and Royal Air Force) and Officer OF-2 and above (Army) Outflow³ from the FR20⁴

12 Months Ending:	30 September 2022	30 September 2023
Maritime Reserves		
Officers (OF-1 and above)	153	215
Army Reserves		
Officers (OF-2 and above)	479	551
Royal Air Force Reserves		
Officers (OF-1 and above)	202	153

Source: Analysis (Tri-Service)

Notes:

1. Figures show Officer OF-1 and above (Royal Navy / Royal Marines and Royal Air Force) and Officer OF-2 and above (Army) Outflow from the FR20.
2. Outflow from the FR20 is provided for the 12 months to 30 September 2022 and the 12 months to 30 September 2023.
3. Outflow is derived by month-on-month comparisons of Strength. These figures include Outflow from specific populations including Outflow from the Regular Armed Forces, or another reserve population not included in FR20. Personnel flowing from the Trained to the Untrained Strengths are not captured in this table.
4. Future Reserves 2020 (FR20) includes volunteer reserves who are mobilised, High Readiness Reserve (HRR) and volunteer reserve personnel serving on Additional Duties Commitment (ADC) or Full-Time Reserve Service (FTRS) contracts. Sponsored Reserves who provide a more cost effective solution than volunteer reserve are also included in the Army Reserve FR20. Non-Regular Permanent Staff (NRPS), Expeditionary Forces Institute (EFI) and University Officer Cadets and Regular Reservists are excluded.
5. An Officer is a member of the Armed Forces holding the Queen's Commission to lead and command elements of the forces. Officers form the middle and senior management of the Armed Forces. This includes ranks from Sub-Lt/2nd Lt/Pilot Officer up to Admiral of the Fleet/Field Marshal/Marshal of the Royal Air Force but excludes Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs).
6. Figures are based on individuals paid rank.

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

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If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website.

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Yours sincerely,

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