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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 17 August in which you requested the following information:

- “1. How many individuals have been recruited into 77 Brigade as of the end of July or the nearest month that you have data on?*
- 2. How does this figure compare with the actual target?*
- 3. How many individuals had been recruited into 77 Brigade as of the end of last year?*
- 4. How does this figure with the actual target?*
- 5. What is the recruitment target for the end of the year?*
- 6. What is the recruitment target for the end of next year?”*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. The information you requested is shown below.

1. How many individuals have been recruited into 77 Brigade as of the end of July or the nearest month that you have data on?

Total selected as suitable for service with 77 Brigade after attendance at a Briefing and Assessment activity this year to the end of July: 59

Please note that these personnel have been deemed suitable but this does not mean that they are now working at 77 Brigade.

2. How does this figure compare with the actual target?

No targets are set.

3. How many individuals had been recruited into 77 Brigade as of the end of last year?

June 2015 - November 2015: 84

Please note that assessment activity started in June 2015.

4. How does this figure with the actual target?

No targets are set.

5. What is the recruitment target for the end of the year?

No targets are set.

6. What is the recruitment target for the end of next year?"

No targets are set.

Initial Operating Capability for 77 Brigade is scheduled for October 2016. The Brigade is bounded by the same protocols as any other Army establishment. Recruitment demand is created by turnover of military staff after a default posting period and the varying demand for specialist Knowledge Skills and Experience that is provided by reserve personnel. As a result there are no set recruiting targets for 77 Brigade.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 2nd Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Yours sincerely,



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