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Dear Mr Delahunty,

Thank you for your email of 26 July 2019 in which you request the following information:

“Dear Royal College of Defence Studies, can you provide the number of Bangladeshi Armed Forces personnel that have been trained at the college for every year of the last ten years? Can you provide the total cost to the academy for their training each year also?”

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). I am writing to confirm that the MOD holds information on the subject you have requested. Please note that the figures have been provided by RCDS, which does not constitute official statistics produced by Defence Statistics.

Academic Year	Number of Bangladeshi trained at RCDS
09/10	~
10/11	0
11/12	~
12/13	0
13/14	~
14/15	~
15/16	~
16/17	~
17/18	~
18/19	~

~ used as a substitute for figures less than 5.

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With regards to cost, I can confirm that there is no cost to RCDS for their training. All international places at RCDS are either funded by the countries themselves or by the UK Ministry of Defence.

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Yours sincerely,

JFD Secretariat