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Dear Mr Fisher,

Thank you for your email of 8 August, requesting the following refined information:

1. *Total number of CFVA on strength, for the last 3 years for PER COUNTY under 7 x*
2. *Total number of VA paid OUT, for the last 3 years PER COUNTY under 7 x*
3. *Amount of VA over spend or under spend, for the last 3 years PER COUNTY under 7 x*

Your correspondence is being treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). I can confirm that the Department holds some information relating to your request, and this can be found below. We have interpreted your refined request as being for the list of counties provided in your previous request:

Lincolnshire
Derbyshire
Nottinghamshire
Leicestershire, Northamptonshire and Rutland

1. The total number of Cadet Force Adult Volunteers for each requested county in each of the last five years can be found in the table below. Please note that these are a single service estimate and are therefore not official statistics produced by Defence Statistics. Figures include both uniformed and non-uniformed volunteers, and figures have been rounded to the nearest 10 for presentational reasons:

7 Inf Bde and HQ East	31-Mar-2015	31-Mar-2016	31-Mar-2017	31-Mar-2018	31-Mar-2019
Derbyshire ACF (Mercian Regiment)	145	152	160	150	150
Leicestershire Northamptonshire and Rutland ACF	261	238	230	230	240
Lincolnshire ACF	181	180	180	170	160
Nottinghamshire ACF	156	147	160	160	160

2. The total amount of volunteer pay spent by each requested county over the last three financial years can be found in the table below. Please note that this will include both Volunteer Allowance and wider expenses reclaimed: further granularity of data is not held centrally:

UNIT	Total Adult Cadet Volunteer Pay for the period Apr 16 - March 19
Derbyshire ACF	£576,408.10
Leics, Northants and Rutland ACF	£911,268.21
Lincolnshire ACF	£656,018.96
Nottinghamshire ACF	£565,087.29

3. Information not held. Under Section 16 of the Act (advice and assistance), it may be useful for you to know that the budget is set at national level and delegated to Brigade level where it may be further split to units delivering outputs. It is not split along county lines. These budgets may be flexed throughout the year between units in the Brigades but any over or underspend is not visible at a county level.

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Yours sincerely,

Manning Leader
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