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Dear Mr Wills,

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 6 December 2019 in which you requested the following information:

In accordance with the precedent of FOI 2019/07860 please supply me with results data for the PRMC course held at CTCRM, Lymington, Exmouth, Devon, EX8 5AR between these dates:

19 November 2019 to 22 November 2019

The results for the following specific fields should be identified:

1. Withdrew prior to course commencing.
2. Failed 1.5 mile assessment.
3. Failed VO2 max test.
4. Failed to accumulate enough points.
5. Failed to achieve the minimum standard for pull ups.
6. Weak swimmer.
7. Candidate failed to display confidence at height.
8. Withdrawn by OC on Bottom Field.
9. Withdrawn by OC on Endurance Course.
10. Withdrawn at own request on Bottom Field.
11. Medical fail.
12. Swim fail.

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information (FOI) 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. The results for the Potential Royal Marines Course (PRMC) held at Commando Training Centre Royal Marines from 19 November to 22 November 2019 can be found in Annex A to this letter.

I should advise you that, following a review of the statistics generated from the PRMC, some amendments have been made to the categories to ensure accuracy of the data. As such, the category 'Swim Fail' (SWIM) is now captured under 'Swim Fail – Deferred Pass' as the individuals continue the course but are annotated as a fail and come back to complete day one of the course after receiving swimming lessons.

Please also be advised that the numbers within the table cannot be broken down any further as disclosure could risk the identification of individuals which would put the Department in breach of our obligations under the Data Protection Act 2018 when handling personal data. Section 40(2) of the FOI Act applies to personal data relating to third parties and has therefore been applied, with smaller numbers suppressed in line with Departmental policy on disclosure.

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

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Yours sincerely

Navy Command Secretariat – FOI Section

Course 19-027 (19 November – 22 November 2019)

Number Attended: 35

Reason for Withdrawal	Abbreviation	Quantity
Failed 1.5 mile assessment	BFT	-
Failed VO2 max test	VO2	~
Failed to accumulate enough points	C-FAIL	~
Failed to achieve the minimum standard for pull ups	PULL UPS	~
Swim Fail - Deferred Pass	SWIM-DEF	~
Candidate failed to display confidence at height	CONF	-
Withdrawn by OC on Bottom Field	WBOC BF	-
Withdrawn by OC on Endurance Course	WBOC END	-
Withdrew at own request on Bottom Field	WAOR BF	~
Withdrew at own request	WAOR	~
Medical fail	MED	~

1. Figures have been rounded to the nearest 5 in line with disclosure control policy. Figures fewer than 5 are represented by '~', 0 is represented by '-'.
2. Figures show Royal Marine Regular withdrawals.