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Dear Mr Lai

Thank you for your email of 12 August 2019 in which you requested the following information:

*With regards to the 1 August 2019 Field Army restructuring and Army 2020 Refine:*

1. *Where will be the new Rifle company for 3 PWRR be located and what is the name of the new Company*
2. *Can you re-confirm that there will be a new Rifle Company for the London Regiment and what its [sic] name and location*
3. *Which Royal Engineer Regiments will move to 25th Close Support Engineer Group to support the Strike Brigades and which will remain as part of 12th Force Support Group under 8 Engineer Brigade?*
4. *Will 254 (Specialist Group Information Services) Signal Squadron and the Land Information Assurance group still be under the command of 15 Signal Regiment as it converts to support 12 Armoured Infantry Brigade*
5. *Please list the battalions/regiments that will remain under 38th (Irish) Brigade and 160th (Welsh) Brigade.*
6. *[Are] Headquarters North West and North East are merging together and does it mean HQ North East is separating from 4th Infantry Brigade?*
7. *Which higher formation does 6 CSE Battalion REME fall under or is it still OPCON 101 Logistic Brigade?*
8. *Which Light Cavalry regiment - The Light Dragoons, 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards or the Royal Scot Dragoon Guards - will resubordinate to 6th UK Division and under with [sic] Brigade?*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act). 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. I shall address each part of your request individually below:

## **Where will be the new Rifle company for 3 PWRR be located and what is the name of the new Company?**

This information is exempt under Section 21 of the Act because it is reasonably accessible to you by other means. The Prince of Wales Regiment companies are listed on the [British Army Website](http://www.army.mod.uk). Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) it might be helpful if I specify that the new 3 PWRR 'A' Company is based at MOD Manston.

## **Can you re-confirm that there will be a new Rifle Company for the London Regiment and what is its name and location?**

This information is exempt under Section 21 of the Act because it is reasonably accessible to you by other means. The London Regiment companies are listed on the [British Army Website](#). Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) it might be helpful if I specify that G (Guards) Company is the new Company which has been formed in Kingston upon Thames.

**Which Royal Engineer Regiments will move to 25th Close Support Engineer Group to support the Strike Brigades and which will remain as part of 12th Force Support Group under 8 Engineer Brigade?**

Information not held. Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) it might be helpful if I explain that no units transfer from 12 Force Support Group to 25 Close Support Engineer Group.

**Will 254 (Specialist Group Information Services) Signal Squadron and the Land Information Assurance group still be under the command of 15 Signal Regiment as it converts to support 12 Armoured Infantry Brigade?**

In accordance with Section 26(3) (Defence), the Department neither confirms nor denies whether it holds any information in scope of this part of your request. Section 26 is a qualified exemption and is subject to a public interest test. Section 26 is engaged because the request relates to sub-unit information which exposes internal structures and key capabilities. A public interest test has been conducted and the balance of public interest lay in neither confirming nor denying whether the MOD held any information in scope of your request. This should not be used as an indication that such information is or is not held.

**Please list the battalions/regiments that will remain under 38th (Irish) Brigade and 160th (Welsh) Brigade.**

This is a duplicate of a request you made on 10 Aug 19 which the Department complied with in its response of 11 Sep 19 (FOI2019/09576). The Department is consequently not obliged to comply with this request under the terms of Section 14(2) of the Act.

**[Are] Headquarters North West and North East merging together and does it mean HQ North East is separating from 4th Infantry Brigade?**

No. The tweet you highlighted referred to the merging of the twitter accounts, not the headquarters themselves, which remain unchanged.

**Which higher formation does 6 CSE Battalion REME fall under or is it still OPCON 101 Logistic Brigade?**

6 Close Support Battalion REME remains part of 101<sup>st</sup> Logistic Brigade.

**Which Light Cavalry regiment - The Light Dragoons, 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards or the Royal Scot Dragoon Guards - will resubordinate to 6th UK Division and under with Brigade?**

This information is not held as the unit remains to be determined.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance. Following this, if you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely,

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