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Dear Mr Kristian Healey-Ryder

Thank you for your emails from 21 December 2021 requesting the following information:

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I have noted the Ministry of Defence publishing releases that specify support given to Scotland and Wales to assist with the pandemic. However, there seems to be no equivalent information relating to England.

Therefore, I would like to request the following: for the whole of the pandemic, up to the date of this request, how many man hours of personnel have been deployed to each country of the UK?

We are treating your correspondence as requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that some of the information requested is held.

The data held by the Standing Joint Command (UK) for personnel deployed in support of the response to the pandemic does not record workforce hours by UK nation, but instead the numbers of personnel authorised for tasks by requesting Government Department or Devolved Administration. Since health care is largely a devolved matter, requests by central UK Government Departments will broadly equate to authorised taskings in England, while those of the Devolved Administrations will equate to deployments to their respective nation of the UK.

The following data covers the period March 2020 to 31 January 2022:

	No. of personnel
Government of Jersey	16
Northern Ireland Office	466
Scottish Government	1876
Welsh Government	1550
UK Government Departments	24658

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Yours sincerely,

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