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Dear Mrs Fyans,

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 7 March 2019 in which you requested the following information:

'I would like to know the number of Service personnel that have left the Royal Navy in the last three years, who have caring responsibilities for a sick or disabled relative. This can be parents, spouse, siblings or children.'

Your enquiries have been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and I can confirm that no information in scope of your request is held.

Under section 16 (Advice and Assistance), I should explain that there is no mandatory requirement for individuals to provide a specific reason as to why they wish to leave the Naval Service. What you may wish to be aware of is the Quarterly Service Personnel Statistics publication which includes the 'Voluntary Outflow' of personnel leaving the Armed Forces in table four, which can be found at the following link:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/783644/1\\_Jan\\_2019\\_-\\_SPS.xlsx](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/783644/1_Jan_2019_-_SPS.xlsx)

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Yours sincerely

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