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Via email : 2 x

Dear Mr Kimberley

Request for Information - Final Response

Thank you for your information request received on 31 July 2011, for information on injuries incurred by Royal Marines recruits that resulted in failure to complete training over the last 3 years. Also requested were the numbers of those completing training in their original troop. Your inquiry has been considered as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can report that a total of 387 RM personnel were discharged from training for medical reasons between Apr 08 and Apr 11. This figure does include personnel discharged as a result of the Naval Service Medical Board of Survey (NSMBOS), who incurred injury or illness during training, and personnel Not Finally Approved Medical (NFA Med), who incurred their injury or illness prior to joining the Royal Marines. It is not possible to separate these figures.

Of those who passed for duty between Apr 08 and Apr 2011, a total of 53% completed training with their original troop.

I hope this answers your query. If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Head of Corporate Information, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information

Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, http://www.ico.gov.uk.

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