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Dear Mr Duckworth

Thank you for your email of 27 May requesting the following information:

- 1. How many Versatile Engagement (Long) engagements were offered to Colour Sergeants/Staff Sergeants and Warrant Officers in the Infantry in the years 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.*
- 2. What is this as a percentage of the total number of SNCOs' and WOs' in the Infantry in each year.*

I am treating your correspondence as a request 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 no information in scope of your request is held.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that Versatile Engagement (Long) engagements would only be offered to those Infantry soldiers employed in Senior Soldier Career Posts. Whilst information on the number of offers made is not held, the Ministry of Defence may be able to provide information on the total numbers by year who accepted offers of Versatile Engagement (Long) engagements.

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Yours sincerely,

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