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Dear Requester,

Thank you for your email of 9th and 16th April 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please see the responses to each of your questions below:

16/04 –

1. **By graduate schemes, we mean any opportunities provided to the students by any arms company to gain employment after graduation.**
2. **By apprenticeship, we mean a programme offered by an arms company to provide and pay for a study programme for students**
3. **By careers fair appearance, we mean the presence of an arms trade company and an in person or online careers fair.**
4. **By consultancy role, we mean the role of the university providing business or expert advice to an arms trade company.**

09/04 –
1.BAE systems
2. Babcock
3. QinetiQ
4. Rolls-Royce
5. Serco
6. Cobham
7. Raytheon
8. Airbus
9. General Dynamics
10. Leonardo MW
11. Lockheed Martin
12. Thales
13. MBDA
14. Elbit Systems
15. Caterpillar
16. MoD
17. DSTL
18. Atomic Weapons establishment
19. GKN
20. Boeing
'Academic partnership' refers to 'arms trade companies' involvement of any of the following:
• Graduate schemes/apprenticeships/Careers fair appearances
• Directly sponsored PhDs or Studentships
• Company involvement in university departments - i.e. MoD Laboratories, EPSRC centres for doctoral research.
• Any consultancy role.
Please may I request any relevant information or appearance of arms trade companies in the aforementioned capacities in the past five years:

- **May this be broken down by financial year, with the start/end date where applicable**
- **The name of the arms company involved**
- **The financial value of the relationship**
- **The name of the relevant university department**

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1. The University of Exeter's Degree Apprenticeships do not involve any graduate schemes or opportunities to gain employment after graduation. Degree apprenticeship programmes are delivered to employees, so they are already in employment.

2. The University of Exeter have had or do have apprentices from the following companies on the list. The employees can join any of the programmes we offer so there isn't a single department they may be involved with. Our list of programmes is here: Our programmes | Degree Partnerships | University of Exeter The value of the relationship is difficult to establish. There isn't a total financial contract in place, rather each apprentice generates funding depending on how long they stay on the programme and whether they complete assessment. This info is in a database, but the employer is coded. The codes are mapped in another system work would be needed to establish how many apprentices and their financial value. Further information would take the University of Exeter over eighteen hours to establish accurate data, this would take over the cost limit which is proscribed by section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Please see below companies worked with, please note that many of these are very large companies and it would be highly misleading to suggest that all apprentices are engaged in the arms trade, e.g. Rolls Royce, Airbus.
2. Babcock
4. Rolls-Royce
5. Serco
8. Airbus
10. Leonardo MW
16. MoD
17. DSTL

For Questions 3 and 4 the University of Exeter does not have a data set as you have requested, the Freedom of Information Code of Practice sections 1.3 Public authorities are not required to create new information in order to comply with a request for information under the Act. They only need to consider information already in existence at the time a request is received. And 11.4 The Act does not require the creation of datasets for publication, nor does it require datasets to be updated if they would not otherwise have been updated as part of the public authority's function.

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