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Subject: OFFSEN: Military support - MACA extension

Dear all,

We have now received confirmation that the MACA has been extended until 29 January. Please see further details of scope of the extension below:

- Approximately **500 military personnel will be available until 29 January** to support schools and colleges to set up their testing capability.
- Military support will be **kept under review within this two-week period** to ensure the nature of support remains appropriate to meet the needs of schools and colleges, as well as ensuring the best use of military capability.
- **There will be a smaller, on-going capability (28 military personnel) available from 30 January until February half-term (21 Feb) for use in exceptional circumstances.** The expectation is that all schools will have their testing capability set up by the end of January, hence the offer of military support will only be available in exceptional circumstances thereafter. We need to continue to re-iterate this expectation in comms. **NR** / **Comms colleagues to consider and take forwards.**

We will also work with comms colleagues to update relevant external lines/ FAQs so they are factually correct.

Do let me know if you have any further questions and happy to discuss.

Best Wishes,
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Currently working in the mass testing team.

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