sudo apt install openssh-server

**Check SSH Service**

Let’s now check what’s the status of the SSH service on our system. It should be active or in the running state. The reason why you are getting a connection refused error could be the inactive state of SSH on your system. Run the following command to check the status:

sudo service ssh status

The output tells us it is in the active (running state).

**Allow SSH in Firewall**

A connection refused message could also be because the firewall on your system is blocking the SSH port. To allow the port through firewall, execute this command:

sudo ufw allow port /tcp

If a port other than 22 is being used, you will issue the command like this:

sudo ufw allow 2244/tcp

Once the rules are updated, you will get this output on the terminal:



Reload the firewall with this command to update the rules:

sudo ufw reload

Now check the status of firewall to verify if the SSH port has been allowed or not.

sudo ufw status

You will see the following message if you are using port 2244 for SSH: