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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your correspondence of 15 September 2020 requesting the following information:

“Can you please provide me with the average length of time in each rank, for the trade of intelligence analyst . If possible could this not include the intelligence analyst (sic) (Linguist) role.

i.e What is the average length of time served in each rank after completing training before promotion to the next rank; starting from SAC and progressing to:

- Corporal*
- Sergeant*
- Chief Technician*
- Flight Sergeant*
- Warrant Officer”*

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 some information in scope of your request is held.

The following table is the total average actual Length of Service (LoS) of Service Personnel on paid rank promotion, for the Royal Air Force (RAF) Intelligence Analyst Role for promotions in the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2020:

| | Total Average length of service on promotion into rank |
|-----------------|--|
| Corporal | 7 years 3 months |
| Flight Sergeant | 17 years 9 months |
| Sergeant | 12 years 6 months |
| Warrant Officer | 24 years 8 months |

The average LoS has been calculated using the entry date recorded on the Joint Personnel Administration database and includes time spent in basic training. If personnel have transferred to the RAF from another service, have served under an alternative contract type (e.g. reserve forces), changed trades during their RAF career, or are re-entrants their entry date may correspond to any of these events. Information on the rank of Chief Technician is not held for the data period provided.

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) you may find it useful to know, that the data on Chief Technicians is not held, because as of 1 April 2007 the rank of Chief Technician no longer exists within the Intelligence Analyst Trade.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you are not satisfied with this response or 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 Information Rights Compliance Team, Ground Floor, MoD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail 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 normally investigate your case until the MoD internal process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours Sincerely,

[Original signed]

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