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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated 7 February 2015 requesting the following information

*Could you please provide me with the length of service at promotion by all ranks for all RAF officers and for officers in the RAF police.
Are you able to provide percentage of initial entry who are promoted for each rank in both categories and the percentage who gain promotion from the rank below.
Could you provide the number of applicants to each category and the number accepted into Initial Officer Training for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014.*

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 all the information in scope of your request is held.

Please find attached three documents. The first one addresses the length of service at promotion by all ranks for all RAF officers and for officers in the RAF police, the percentage of initial entry who are promoted for each rank in both categories, and the percentage who gain promotion from the rank below. The second attachment addresses the number of applicants received for all Officer categories, and the third attachment addresses the number of applicants accepted into Initial Officer Training (excluding Warrant Officer courses and Entrant/Re-entrant courses) for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014.

In accordance with the Data Protection Act and our obligations in relation to the protection of confidentiality when handling personal data, the data on the attachments have been rounded to the nearest 10, where "-" denotes zero and "~" denotes a number less than or equal to 5. Due to the rounding methods used, totals may not always equal the sum of the parts. When rounding to the nearest 10, numbers ending in 5 have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent systematic bias.

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Yours sincerely

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