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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 07 May requesting the following information regarding the promotion of REME Lt Cols:

- **What are the statistical chances of promotion to Colonel over a full career for a REME Lt Col and what is the average length of service on promotion?**
(For ease of answering this question will be split into two parts)
- **Over the period 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2017 how many REME Lt Cols were promoted to Colonel?**
- **Of those promoted, how many had completed the Advanced Command and Staff Course (ACSC)?**

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The information you require is shown at Annex A below.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you 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, Zone D, 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 investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely

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What are the statistical chances of promotion to Colonel over a full career for a REME Lt Col?

33%

What is the average length of service on promotion?

This answer is based on the service of the 36 individuals identified in the question below. The mean average length of service at the point of promotion based on the available information was 24 years.

Over the period 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2017 how many REME Lt Cols were promoted to Colonel?

36

Of those promoted, how many had completed the ACSC?

27 of those above attended ACSC and 3 did not; information for the remaining 6 individuals is not available.