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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your email of 10 January 2016 requesting the following information:

"...the last 5 years worth of data in respect of the following:

(1) average promotion years for promotion from OF3 to OF4 in the Warfare (including aircrew), Logistics and Engineer branches of the RN.

(2) the same data in respect of RM General Service Officers.

For the avoidance of doubt, promotion years are as defined in BR3 para 6609."

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.

The information you have requested can be found in the table below.

| | Average length of service on promotion from OF3 to OF4 |
|---|--|
| Warfare ¹ | 9 years 91 days |
| Logistics ¹ | 8 years 259 days |
| Engineers ¹ | 9 years 346 days |
| Royal Marine General Service ² | 8 years 277 days |

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, 1st 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.

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Yours sincerely,

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Notes:

Averages are produced using 5 years of data from 1 December 2010 to 30 November 2015.
Promotion in this case is defined as substantive rank promotion from OF3 to OF4.
Days are rounded down to the nearest completed day.

¹ Warfare, Logistics and Engineering branches include the Fleet Air Arm, General Service and Submariners.

² Royal Marine General Service branch excludes Royal Marine Band Service and Royal Marine Fleet Air Arm.