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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email on 25 April 2016 requesting the following information:

“1. The chances of survival for a Naval Airman (Aircraft Handler) from year of service 0 to year of service 24

2. The chances of promotion in the Naval Airman (Aircraft Handler) trade and to and including WO1

3. The average time spent in rank in the Naval Airman (Aircraft Handler) trade and to and including WO1.”

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 all the information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found below.

Table 1. The chances of survival¹ for an Able Rate Naval Airman (Aircraft Handler), with length of service 0 years.

Length of Service (in years)	% Chance of Survival
0	100%
1	91%
2	89%
3	83%
4	74%
5	66%
6	59%
7	52%
8	49%
9	46%
10	39%
11	35%
12	31%
13	26%
14	23%
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22	10%
23	9%
24	8%
25	6%
26	6%
27	5%
28	4%
29	4%
30	3%
31	3%
32	3%
33	2%
34	1%
35	0%
36	0%
37	0%
38	0%
39	0%
40	0%

Table 2. Chance of promotion to rank, for an Able Rate Naval Airman (Aircraft Handler), with length of service 0.

Rank	Chance of Promotion to rank
Leading Rate (OR-4)	31%
Petty Officer (OR-6)	17%
Chief Petty Officer (OR-7)	9%
Warrant Officer 1 (OR-9)	2%

Table 3. Expected Length of Service (LOS) in rank and expected Length of Service on promotion to rank, in years, for an Able Rate Naval Airman (Aircraft Handlers) with length of service 0.

Rank	Expected LOS in rank (in years)	Expected LOS on promotion to the rank
Able Rate (OR-2)	6.7	N/A ²
Leading Rate (OR-4)	7.6	7.5
Petty Officer (OR-6)	5.8	15.3
Chief Petty Officer (OR-7)	3.4	21.1
Warrant Officer 1 (OR-9)	4.7	27.4

Notes

¹'Chances of Survival' has been interpreted as meaning the percentage of personnel who remain as Naval Airman (Aircraft Handlers) at each year of service.

Length of service in table 1 is represented by how many full years have been completed when the service person exits i.e. in year 1, 9% exit without completing their second full year (100% - 91% = 9%).

Exits denote anything that results in an ending of service e.g. time expiry, voluntary outflow, death etc. The tables above are produced by a career forecast tool which uses historic data from 01 April 2009 to 01 April 2016.

²N/A is present in table 2 because you cannot be promoted to Able Rate.

Expected Length of Service in table 2 is calculated by using averages of historic data.

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, 2nd 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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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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