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Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your email of 20 December 2016, which has been considered to be a request for information under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

In your e-mail you requested the following:

For Financial Years 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16

Q1. How many RAF non-commissioned aircrew were there

Q2. How many RAF non-commissioned aircrew were on the Professional Aviators Pay spine

Q3. In each of those years how many RAF non-commissioned aircrew were transferred onto the Professional Aviators Pay

A search for the information has now been completed within the MOD, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

Please see Annex A for the response.

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, 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 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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Q1. How many RAF non-commissioned aircrew (NCA) were there.

Date	NCA Trained Strength
1 Apr 2011	1200
1 Apr 2012	1100
1 Apr 2013	980
1 Apr 2014	900
1 Apr 2015	830
1 Apr 2016	790

Q2. How many RAF non-commissioned aircrew were on the Professional Aviators (PA) Pay spine.

Date	NCA on PA Pay
1 Apr 2011	340
1 Apr 2012	320
1 Apr 2013	280
1 Apr 2014	260
1 Apr 2015	230
1 Apr 2016	230

Q3. In each of those years how many RAF non-commissioned aircrew were transferred onto the Professional Aviators Pay.

Date (Financial Year)	NCA transferred to PA Pay
2011/12	30
2012/13	20
2013/14	20
2014/15	10
2015/16	60

In accordance with the Data Protection Act and our obligations in relation to the protection of confidentiality when handling personal data, data have been rounded to the nearest 10. When rounding to the nearest 10, numbers ending in 5 have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent systematic bias.

All figures provided relate to Regular Royal Air Force personnel.