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Via email – [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 8 September 2016 requesting the following information:

*The typical/average age pilots in the RAF leave the service – i.e. the average age on exit for pilots in the RAF, in particular officers.*

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

I can confirm that, for the period 1 April 2013-31 March 2016, the average age on exit for the RAF Pilot branch was 42 years 1 month. This is based on trained regular RAF personnel only.

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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto: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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