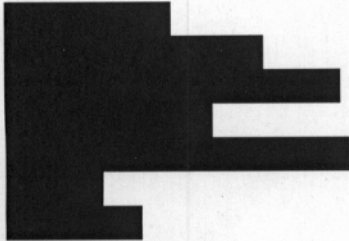




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Dear 

Thank you for your email of 9 July requesting the following information:

I would like to request the average length of service by corps for all female soldiers in the Army and the average career progression by corps for females in the Army please.

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 some of the information in scope of your request is held. Information on the average career progression by corps for females in the Army is not held. The information that is held can be found enclosed.

You may find the following explanation on the way these figures were calculated helpful. Length of service has been calculated using entry date, however there are known problems with the entry date information. The data should reflect 'current entry date' but it may include previous service, or include the whole time which has elapsed since an individual first joined the Army, irrespective of any break in service.

The link below provides published statistics which includes two tables for female soldiers covering 'Length of service % chance of a new recruit completing X years' and the 'chance of a soldier who has completed X years completing 22 years'. It also includes career progression tables by Arm/Corp (but not by gender).

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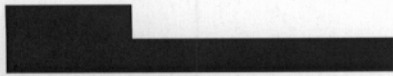
These tables are based on data from 2001 to 2010 and are the latest information available, more recent information is not held.

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.

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, <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the sender.

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