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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 14 August 2015 requesting the following information:

1. *Full details of all RN/RM Service personnel, by specialisation, who have been retained in the service post NSMBOS/NSMEB highlighting their current medical categories and restrictions and assignments held within service.*
2. *Full details of RN/RM Service personnel, by specialisation, who have been retained, post NSMBOS/NSMEB with associated hearing problems highlighting their current medical categories and restrictions and assignments held within service.*
3. *Please can you provide 5 year statistics dating back to 2010.'*

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The information relating to questions 1, 2 and 3 of your request is considered to be personal information about the career and medical history of a discreet group of individuals and must therefore be withheld under the absolute exemption in section 40(2) of the FOI Act. Details of the service career and medical information of individual service personnel are a private matter between the individual and the service.

Section 40(2) applies to personal data relating to third parties. The release of personal information relating to other individuals would contravene the principles of the Data Protection Act 1998, namely Principle 1 – personal data shall be processed fairly and lawfully and not unless certain specified conditions are met, and Principle 2 – personal data shall be obtained and processed only for specified and lawful purposes and not further processed in a manner incompatible with the purposes. In this instance, data has been provided for appointment purposes and not with the expectation that it would be made public.

Under section 16 (Advice and Assistance) what I am able to provide to you is information on the number of RN/RM, discharged or retained and those with hearing loss retained following NSMEB in the following years 2010-2014. The details can be found at Annex A, attached to this letter.

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, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely

Navy Command Secretariat – FOI Section

2014	RN		RM	
	OF	OR	OF	OR
Total No. Discharged	30	320	10	120
Total No. Retained	30	510	10	120
Total No. Hearing Loss Retained	<5	10	<5	10

2013	RN		RM	
	OF	OR	OF	OR
Total No. Discharged	10	230	10	120
Total No. Retained	100	460	20	120
Total No. Hearing Loss Retained	<5	10	<5	20

2012	RN		RM	
	OF	OR	OF	OR
Total No. Discharged	30	260	20	200
Total No. Retained	90	400	10	140
Total No. Hearing Loss Retained	<5	10	<5	10

2011	RN		RM	
	OF	OR	OF	OR
Total No. Discharged	20	260	10	150
Total No. Retained	90	360	10	130
Total No. Hearing Loss Retained	<5	10	<5	10

2010	RN		RM	
	OF	OR	OF	OR
Total No. Discharged	20	180	10	80
Total No. Retained	100	470	10	110
Total No. Hearing Loss Retained	<5	10	<5	<5

Note:

To clarify this data statistics are rounded to the nearest 10 with numbers ending in 5 rounded up, however to prevent the unintentional disclosure of an individuals identity any numbers less than 5 are shown as <5.