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Via email: [REDACTED]

30<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016 requesting the following information:

*"Please would you provide me with statistics to show the chances of promotion to the rank of Flight Sergeant and Warrant Officer for a Sergeant (with 13 years seniority) as a RAF Nurse.*

*I would also be grateful if you would let me have statistics showing the average years length of service for non-commissioned RAF nurses."*

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

The information you have requested can be found in the Adobe (.pdf) file attached to the email.

As a result of correspondence between yourself and the Team, this request has been based on a Sergeant in the Nurses Spine trade with 12 years length of service.

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,

Head of Defence Statistics (Air)

Would you like to be added to our contact list so we can consult with you if we are thinking about making any changes to the statistics we compile? Please register your interest by e-mailing [defstrat-stat-air@mod.uk](mailto:defstrat-stat-air@mod.uk)

## Career Projection for a Sergeant in the Nurses Spine trade with 12 years length of service

	% chance of a Sgt being promoted to subsequent ranks
FS	55%
WO	20%

Average Return of Service<sup>1</sup> 10 years 11 months

<sup>1</sup> 'Average Return of Service' considers the trade as a whole and is not specific to rank or LoS. It refers to the average length of service on exit.

- Notes:**
- a. These data are based on the seven year span of actual data 2009/10 – 2015/16. By considering a cohort of individuals with the similar characteristics - **Sgts** in the **Nurses Spine** trade with **12 years** LoS - average career projections have been calculated.
  - b. Defence Statistics' career forecasts are not based on the actual experience of any one individual, but rather are based on the historical behaviour of individuals with similar characteristics.