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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email on 10 January 2017 requesting the following information:

“Under FOIA 2000, please could you provide the following information:

- 1. % chance of achieving length of service for a new entrant QARNNS officer of lowest rank on entry (OF-2?)*
- 2. % chance of achieving length of service for a new entrant QARNNS rating of rank OR-1 (Student Nurse).*
- 3. On average, how many Student Naval Nurses have branch transferred from within the RN?*
- 4. On average, how many applications a year are there for a place as a Student Naval Nurse and how many are successful in gaining a place and then joining the trained strength of the RN?”*

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 information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found below.

It is not possible to provide data for the chances of a new entrant QARNNS Officer achieving each length of service as the number of new entrants each year is too low to provide accurate results. During the 7 year period used in this analysis, of the 33 new entrants to this branch over half are on promotion from other ranks. Personnel who are promoted from other ranks to officer already have a length of service prior to becoming an officer. Therefore the number of personnel leaving with a low length of service is very small meaning reliable averages for each given length of service cannot be calculated.

Table 1: The chances a new entrant QARNNS Rating will achieve each Length of Service (LOS) before exiting.

Length of Service (Years)	Chance of Completing Length of Service
0	95%
1	95%
2	95%
3	91%
4	88%
5	79%
6	72%
7	68%
8	59%
9	51%
10	48%
11	44%
12	37%
13	34%
14	29%
15	27%
16	26%
17	24%
18	21%
19	18%
20	18%
21	18%
22	11%
23	8%
24	7%
25	5%
26	3%
27	2%
28	1%
29	1%
30	1%
31	0%
32	0%
33	0%
34	0%
35	0%
36	0%
37	0%
38	0%
39	0%
40	0%

Source: Defence Statistics (Navy)

1. Data presented is for all QARNNS ratings.
2. Length of Service denotes the number of full years in the Navy/Marines
3. Exiting includes anything that results in an ending of Regular service e.g. Time expiry, voluntary outflow, death etc.
4. 'Chance of achieving LOS' is calculated by using averaged of historic data.
5. The table above is produced by using a career forecast tool which uses historic data from 1 April 2009 to 1 April 2016.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that the length of service table presented here contains all QARNNS ratings and includes Student Nurses and Nurses who are previously qualified before joining the navy. Data for Student Nurses is not separately identifiable within our data from Nurses who are previously qualified prior to joining the Navy.

Over the last two years there have been around 180 online applications per year for Student Nurses. Of these applications, on average the Royal Navy takes on 10-12 student nurses in a year. This is a mix between Adult Nurses and Mental Health Nurses. In 2016 there were 11 student places. Of these 11 student places 8 were branch transfers from within the Royal Navy. Some of these branch transfers were selected straight after interview and some were offered reserve places after other students dropped out of the process before training started. As branch transfers do not need to do Phase 1 training University vacancies can be filled at short notice with students who are branch transferring from within the Royal Navy. In the last full financial year (2015/16) 7 student nurses have completed the 3 year training course and have joined the trained strength of the Royal Navy. However, as mentioned, training for student nurses takes over 3 years therefore the data on the number of student nurses completing the training course in 2015/16 are not directly comparable to the data on the number of student places in 2016.

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, 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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