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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your email of 24 March 2017 requesting the following information:

'Please could you provide the following information on the Royal Navy's current re-entry scheme for engineers, for the latest 12 month period available:

- the number of applications for re-entry,*
- the number of successful re-entrants, broken down by rank (rate), branch and specialisation.*

Please specify the 12 month period to which the data refers.'

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

I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence does hold information in scope of your request.

In answer to your first query, the number of applications for re-entry by ex-Royal Navy engineer ratings during the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017 was 14, of which two were unsuccessful. There were no applications for re-entry by ex-Royal Navy engineer officers during that period.

With regard to your second query, although the information is held it is not possible to provide you with a breakdown of the number of re-entrants by both rank and specialisation as this would risk individuals being identified and therefore be in breach of the obligations of public authorities in relation to confidentiality when handling personal data.

Section 40(2) of the FOI Act 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 .

For the reason already explained the tables below give the total numbers, broken down firstly by rating and secondly by specialisation, of successful engineer rating re-entrants to the Royal Navy during the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017:

Re-entrants by rating

Able Bodied Seaman	Leading Hand Seaman	Chief Petty Officer	Total
5	3	4	12

Re-entrants by specialisation

Marine Engineer	Weapons Engineer	Aero Engineer	Total
5	5	2	12

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, Zone D, 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.

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Yours sincerely

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