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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 14 September 2017 requesting the following information:

1. *A statistical career projection for a Sgt in the RAF Regiment, including as appropriate: LOS, chance of promotion, strength / liability data etc.*
2. *The percentage chance of commissioning and at what point that statistically happens for RAF Regiment Other Ranks, as well as chance of promotion as a commissioned officer and LOS.*
3. *The most up to date version of the "Annual Compendium of RAF Manpower Statistics".*

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) files attached to the email but please be aware of the following;

1. The strength vs liability information you requested can be found in Table 5 of the Annual Compendium of RAF Manpower Statistics.
2. Unfortunately we do not hold information pertaining to the point at which, statistically, personnel are commissioned.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request 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).

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Yours sincerely,

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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

Career Projection for a Sergeant in the Gunner trade with 13 years length of service.

LoS ¹	% chance of reaching LoS
13	100%
14	97%
15	96%
16	95%
17	93%
18	93%
19	91%
20	88%
21	85%
22	72%
23	64%
24	60%
25	57%
26	54%
27	50%
28	46%
29	44%
30	36%
31	30%
32	26%
33	24%
34	20%
35	18%
36	16%
37	11%
38	0%
39	0%
40	0%

	% chance of a SGT being promoted in to rank	% chance of promotion in to rank, having already achieved the preceding rank ²	Average total length of service on promotion in to rank
SGT	100%		
FS	56%	55%	21 years 1 month
WO	18%	33%	26 years 10 months

Percentage chance of commission to officer

6%

	% chance of a New Entrant RAF Regiment Officer being promoted in to rank	% chance of promotion in to rank, having already achieved the preceding rank	Average total length of service on promotion in to rank
New Entrant RAF Regt			
PLT OFF/FG OFF			
FLT LT	75%	75%	4 years 3 months
SQN LDR	52%	68%	12 years 11 months
WG CDR	24%	47%	17 years 10 months
GP CAPT	7%	27%	24 years 2 months
AIR CDRE+	2%	37%	29 years 10 months

¹ 'LOS x' means 'LOS greater than or equal to x but less than x+1'. So 'LOS21', for example, is the chance of personnel serving more than or equal to 21 years but less than 22 years.

² Chance of promotion having already achieved the preceding rank considers the branch as a whole and is not specific to LoS. It is based on trained and untrained personnel within the trade.

Notes:

a. These data are based on the seven year span of actual data 2010/11 – 2016/17. By considering a cohort of individuals with the similar characteristics - **Sergeants** in the **Gnr** trade with **13 years** length of service (and **New Entrants** into the **RAF Regt** branch where applicable) - 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.