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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 26 May 2017 requesting the following information:

'My question concerns the Royal Naval medical service. I would like to know:

(i) at what stage the six year return of service period begins for new entrant naval medical officers who received a cadetship – does tis start after foundation year one or two?;

(ii) the last year in which obstetrics and gynaecology was an option available for specialty training for RN medical officers once they had completed their three year period as general duties medical officers.'

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 holds some information in scope of your request. In response to your first question, the Return of Service (RoS) commences at the end of Foundation Year 1 (FY1). The training RoS for a medical cadetship is 72 months of productive service, commencing at full registration with the General Medical Council (GMC). In accordance with GMC regulations, full GMC registration is required to move on to Foundation Year 2 (FY2).

With regard to your second question, the Department is unable to locate any recorded information which confirms the last year that Obstetrics and Gynaecology was offered as a pathway for speciality training within the Royal Navy. Under Section 16 of the Act – Duty to Provide Advice and Assistance, you may find it useful to know that individuals undertake a period of training in Obstetrics and Gynaecology as part of their training to become a General Practitioner (GP).

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.

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