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Officer Cadet Survey - Cover Note 2016/17

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The statistical release found separately provides results from the Officer Cadet Survey (OCS) 2016/17. The OCS is administered to four of the Armed Services initial officer training colleges to gauge officer cadets' background, perceptions of training, facilities and food, support, fairness of treatment, general perceptions of the course and hopes for the future. The data is used to inform colleges on their performance, and to compare results with required standards set by the MOD.

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Background quality report: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/recruit-trainee-survey>

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Methodology

All young officer cadets who have completed at least two weeks training were invited to participate in the survey. Participants complete an anonymous and confidential online questionnaire.

Over the twelve-month survey period, there were 1068 responses to the questionnaire. Overall, 368 RAF officer cadets, 319 Army officer cadets, 349 Navy officer cadets and 32 RM officer cadets completed the survey.

The overall response rate for all four colleges is 78% up (from 70% in 15/16).

There have been small changes in the respondent profile in terms of age and gender. The data is not weighted to take account of non-response.

Totals may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

A detailed explanation of the statistical reliability of this survey is found in Annex A of the main report, however it should be noted that due to non-response we cannot be certain that the figures obtained are exactly those we would have found, had everybody been interviewed (the 'true' values).

For any percentage given, however, we can estimate 'confidence intervals' within which the true values are likely to fall. For example; hypothetically, if 50% of our sample of 1068 officer cadets strongly agreed that the training was what they expected, we can be 95% certain that the 'true' value would be between 45.7% and 54.3%, i.e. a margin of 4.3% on each side.

Table 1: Response rates

	Total Responses	% of questionnaires	2015/16 response rate	2014/15 response rate
Army	319	57	38	24
Navy	349	100	96	29
RAF	368	94	94	64
Royal Marines	32	58	86	55
Total	1068	78	70	35

Further Information

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