# Officer Cadet Survey 2017-18

























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# **Executive Summary**





#### **Army Officer Cadets**



#### **Key points**

- Responses were received from 223 Army officer cadets, a response rate of 36%.
- Responses from Army officer cadets have been mixed this year, with falls and gains in a number of areas within facilities and amenities.

#### Recruitment and preparing for training

There were no gains or falls in this section compared with last year.

#### **Facilities and amenities**

Results in this section were mixed. There were improvements since 2016 in areas relating to internet access (54% to 70%), provision of free Wi-Fi hotspots (63% to 74%) and time given to eat meals (59% to 72%). However, there were falls this year in areas relating to standard of living accommodation (69% to 55% - following an improvement in 2016), laundry facilities (28% to 14%) and food (74% to 61%).

#### Support

There were no gains or falls in this section compared with last year.

#### **Fairness**

There were no gains or falls in this section compared with last year.

#### Setbacks during training

There were no gains or falls in this section compared with last year.

#### General

Army officer cadets were less positive about their training experience overall than last year (89% to 80%). However, following a dip in 2016, they were more positive about morale which has gone up from 68% to 82%.





#### **ARMY EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### **Army Officer Cadets**



#### **Key areas of change**

Gains	% 2016-17	% 2017-18
FACILITIES AND AMENITIES		
Internet access	54	70
Free Wi-Fi hotspots	63	74
Time to eat meals	59	72
GENERAL		
Morale	68	82

Falls	% 2016-17	% 2017-18
FACILITIES AND AMENITIES		
Standard of living accommodation	69	55
Laundry facilities	28	14
Food	74	61
GENERAL		
Overall satisfaction	89	80





#### **ROYAL NAVY EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### **Royal Navy Officer Cadets**



#### **Key points**

- Responses were received from 204 Royal Navy officer cadets, a response rate of 49%.
- Responses from Royal Navy officer cadets have been mixed this year. Whilst there have been some gains across the general section, a number of attributes within the facilities and amenities section have seen a fall, with no gains in this section.

#### Recruitment and preparing for training

There were no gains or falls in this section compared with last year.

#### **Facilities and amenities**

• Following improvements in 2016, this year officer cadets were less positive about the their opportunities for competitive sport (73% to 58%), and the provision of free Wi-Fi hotspots (86% to 75). There were also falls in food (30% to 17%) and time given to eat (70% to 56%).

#### **Support**

There were no gains or falls in this section compared with last year.

#### **Fairness**

Compared with 2016, officer cadets were more likely to indicate they were badly or unfairly treated by other cadets (1% to 5%).

#### Setbacks during training

There were no gains or falls in this section compared with last year.

#### General

- The only fall in this category compared with last year was morale (84% to 75%).
- A higher proportion of officer cadets felt they personally benefitted from the course (83% to 94%, returning to the same level seen in 2014), gaining a sense of achievement (84% to 95%, following a fall in 2016) and felt challenged (77% to 90%, following a fall in 2016). Following a drop in 2016, there was also a higher proportion (69% to 83%) agreeing that training objectives and aims were explained to them and that staff/instructors did all they could to help them succeed (75% to 85%).



#### **ROYAL NAVY EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### **Royal Navy Officer Cadets**



#### **Key areas of change**

Gains	% 2016-17	% 2017-18
GENERAL		
Personally benefitted from course	83	94
Sense of achievement	84	95
Felt challenged	77	90
Explanation of training objectives and aims	69	83
Staff/instructors did all they could	75	85

Falls	% 2016-17	% 2017-18
FACILITIES AND AMENITIES		
Opportunity for competitive sport	73	58
Free Wi-Fi hotspots	86	75
Food	30	17
Time to eat meals	70	56
FAIRNESS		
Badly treated by other cadets	1	5
GENERAL		
Morale	84	75







#### **Key points**

- 448 RAF officer cadets completed the survey, a response rate of 90%.
- Overall there was one gain in the ratings, but this is outweighed by the number of attributes that have fallen.

#### Recruitment and preparing for training

There were no gains or falls in this section compared with last year.

#### **Facilities and amenities**

- There were a number of falls within this section, including standard of living accommodation (80% to 55%), as well as medical and dental care (91% to 85% and 89% to 80% respectively).
- Following improvements in 2016, satisfaction with internet access (72% to 62%), provision of free Wi-Fi hotspots (22% to 8%), and food (70% to 39%) have fallen.

#### Support

There were falls in this area relating to having the opportunity to talk privately with Chaplains/Padre (86% to 78%).

#### **Fairness**

There were no gains or falls in this section compared with last year.

#### Setbacks during training

A lower proportion of officer cadets claimed that their injury/illness was properly dealt with (92% to 77%).

#### General

Compared with 2016, the overall satisfaction has decreased (85% to 63%). However, in contrast, there has been an improvement in RAF officer cadets was morale this year (76% to 85%, following a dip in 2016).







#### **Key areas of change**

Gains	% 2016-17	% 2017-18
GENERAL		
Morale	76	85

Falls	% 2016-17	% 2017-18
FACILITIES AND AMENITIES		
Standard of living accommodation	80	55
Medical care	91	85
Dental care	89	80
Internet access	72	62
Provision of free Wi-Fi hotspots	22	8
Food	70	39
SUPPORT		
Opportunity to talk privately with chaplains/padre	86	78
SETBACKS DURING TRAINING		
Injury/illness properly dealt with	92	77
GENERAL		
Overall satisfaction	85	63

Please note the % is typically a top two box rating (e.g. 'very good' and 'good' or 'strongly agree' and 'agree'). At times it may be the combination of two other measures (e.g. 'all the time' and 'most of the time') or a simple 'yes' statement.







#### **Key points**

- 33 Royal Marines officer cadets completed the survey, a response rate of 67%. Due to the small sample size in this group, results amongst this group are likely to be volatile.
- As the number of Royal Marine officer cadets has tended to be low since the survey started, there can be large fluctuations in the trend data but very few significant changes over time. There were no overall improvements in any areas.

#### Recruitment and preparing for training

There were no gains or falls in this section compared with last year.

#### **Facilities and amenities**

• The proportion of officer cadets who were satisfied with the standard of living accommodation has decreased (88% to 52%) following an improvement in 2016.

#### Support

There were no gains or falls in this section compared with last year.

#### **Fairness**

There has been a fall in the proportion of officer cadets who believed complaints were dealt with in a fair manner (88% to 52%, which is back in line with the level seen in 2015).

#### Setbacks during training

There were no gains or falls in this section compared with last year.

#### General

There has been a fall in those saying that they enjoyed the course (100% to 79%).





#### **ROYAL MARINES EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### **Royal Marines Officer Cadets**



#### **Key areas of change**

Gains	% 2016-17	% 2017-18	
NO GAINS IN 2017-18			

Falls	% 2016-17	% 2017-18
FACILITIES AND AMENITIES		
Standard of living accommodation	88	52
FAIRNESS		
Complaints dealt with in a fair manner	88	52
GENERAL		
I enjoyed the course	100	79

Please note the % is typically a top two box rating (e.g. 'very good' and 'good' or 'strongly agree' and 'agree'). At times it may be the combination of two other measures (e.g. 'all the time' and 'most of the time') or a simple 'yes' statement.







## Introduction





- The Officer Cadet Survey (OCS) was established in 2010 to monitor officer cadets' experience of training at all four initial officer training colleges. It was created following the success of the Recruit Trainee Survey (RTS), a tri-Service survey administered to gauge Phase 1 recruits' and Phase 2 trainees' experience of training. The RTS was established following an appraisal of initial training by the Defence Operational Capability (DOC) in 2002. The aims of the survey are to:
  - Elicit attitudes towards the quality and benefits of training provided
  - Identify any incidences of bad or unfair treatment, i.e. discrimination, harassment and bullying
- Performance is reported by Service. By analysing all responses over this period we provide an overview of the results focusing on key findings, and in doing so complement and summarise the data available on the portal.





#### **Administration**

• All officer cadets who have completed at least two weeks training are invited to participate in the survey. All respondents complete an anonymous and confidential online questionnaire and are reassured that their responses cannot be attributed to them individually.

#### Questionnaire

- The questionnaire includes all the key questions raised by the Defence Operational Capability Audit and was developed by a Tri-Service group. On commission, Ipsos MORI made minor adjustments to the format and design of the questionnaire. The content is based on the RTS questionnaire with some modifications.
- Questions have been added, modified or removed during the course of the survey as part of a continuous improvement and review process. As such, there may be more trend data for questions which have not changed throughout the lifetime of the survey. For the purposes of this report, trend data is shown for the past 6 years, that is since 2011.

#### **Continuous reporting**

- During the course of the year the Services use the survey results to monitor the views of officer cadets to generally inform continuous improvement activity and instigate changes to processes if required. The data is uploaded to an online portal to which each college has constant access.
- A new online portal was implemented in June 2013 after consultation with various users of the results. Workshops have been conducted to gain feedback from survey administrators and the end users of the reports to support the process of continuous improvement.





- This report represents data collected from 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018.
- Previous data collection periods are as follows:

Label	Period
2017	1st April 2017 – 31st March 2018
2016	1st April 2016 – 31st March 2017
2015	1st April 2015 – 31st March 2016
2014	1st April 2014 – 31st March 2015
2013	1st April 2013 – 31st March 2014
2012	1st April 2012 – 31st March 2013
2011	1st April 2011 – 31st March 2012

- For questions where trend data is displayed, the base sizes for each year are shown in the notes section.
- Trend analysis has been conducted on all single code questions and significant trends have been commented on in the text.



#### Statistical differences

- Throughout the annual report only differences that are statistically significant have been commented upon. A result is statistically significant if it is unlikely to have occurred by chance and it simply means there is statistical evidence of a difference between two figures; it does not mean the difference is necessarily large, important, or significant in the common meaning of the word. A statistical difference can still occur if the overall percentage remains the same due to the large base sizes included in the dataset. For more information please see Annex A.
- Only significant differences between reporting years and Services are commented on throughout the report.

#### **Base sizes**

Throughout the report, the base size refers to the number of respondents asked a particular question. Please note the base sizes can vary as a result of certain questions only being asked for particular groups as opposed to the whole sample (e.g. those who were ill or injured) or cadets choosing not to answer the question. A note is included if the base size is particularly low (fewer than 30 respondents), and charts for a question are not shown if the base size is less than 10 respondents.

#### **Aggregated totals**

- Throughout the report there are references to aggregated totals, labelled as '% positive'. This often refers to the sum of two answer options that are affirmative to the question or statement (e.g. 'very good' and 'good' or 'strongly agree' and 'agree'), and does not necessarily mean that the response is positive in the common meaning of the word. The aggregate score takes into account the rounding which occurs when two figures are presented separately.
- All comments and significant differences are based on the aggregated total.

#### Rounding

• Where percentages do not sum to 100%, this may be due rounding, the exclusion of 'don't know' categories, or multiple responses (i.e. where respondents are able to select more than one answer to a question).

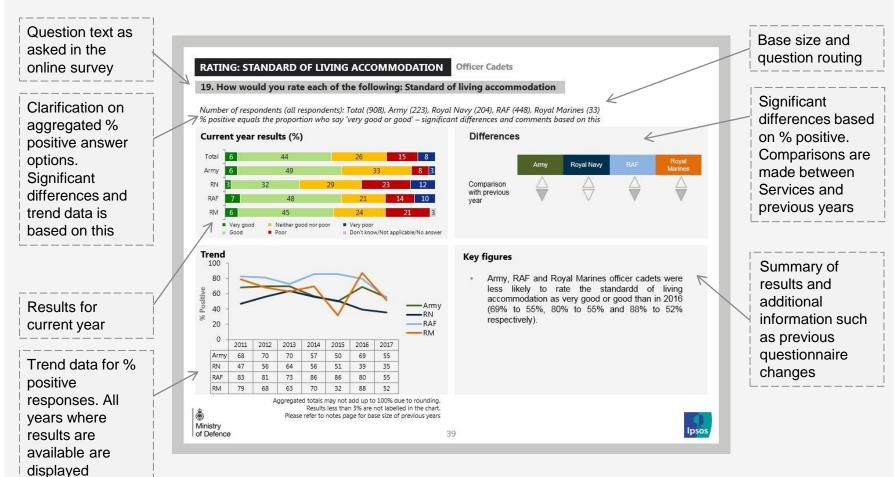
#### **Verbatim**

Verbatim answers to open-ended questions are collected but are not included in this report. These comments are available to each college on the online reporting platform.





This annual report has been redesigned following a period of consultation with end users. The format of each page varies depending on the type of question but most features are the same. Please see the guide below for how to read the results:







Over the twelve-month survey period, there were 908 responses to the questionnaire. A breakdown of responses by College is shown below:

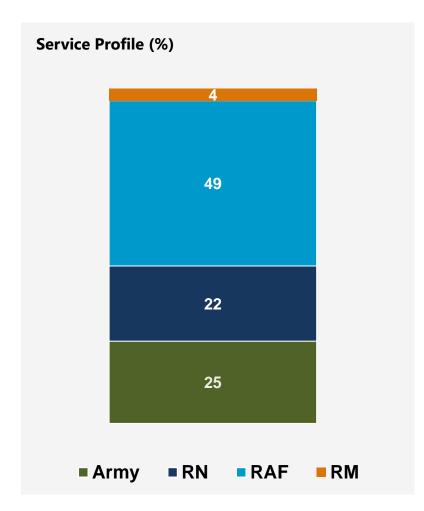
	Total Responses		Response	e rate % *
	2017-18	2016-17	2017-18	2016-17
RMAS	223	319	36	57
BRNC	204	349	49	100
RAFC	448	368	90	94
CTCRM	33	32	67	58
TOTAL OCS	908	1068	57	78

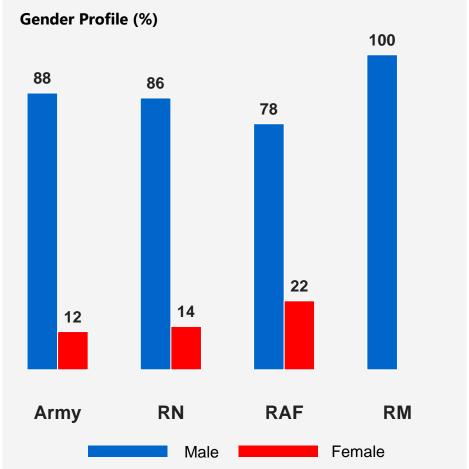
- \* Response rates are based on the number of officer cadets who had completed at least 2 weeks training. In some cases, officer cadets may have not been given the opportunity to complete the survey, rather than actively not choosing to complete the survey.
- Please note that, although in some places in this report, comments have been made about the 'total' sample, no adjustment or weighting has been applied to this date to bring it absolutely in-line with the actual (or population) Service profile.
- In addition, caution should be used when comparing results year on year where there has been a notable change in response rates. For more details about statistical reliability including calculated confidence intervals, see Annex A on page 125.





Number of respondents: Total (908), Army (223), Royal Navy (204), RAF (448), Royal Marines (33)

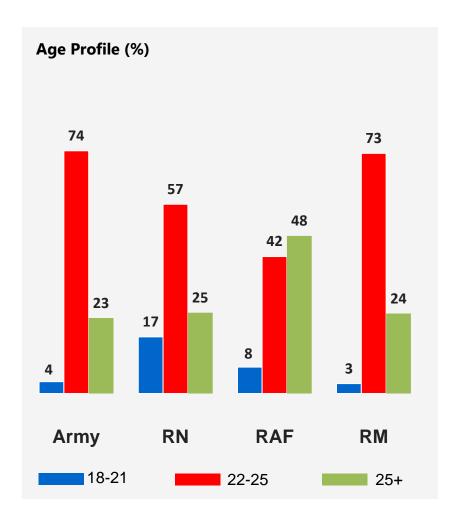


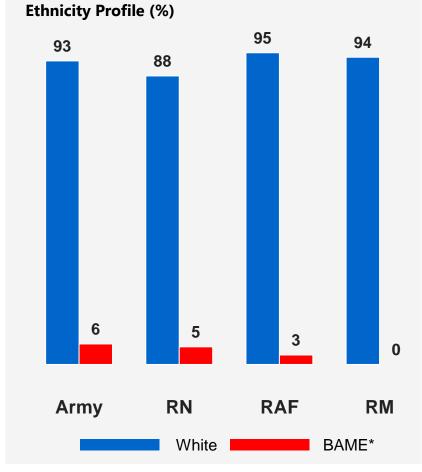






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# Phase 1 Detailed findings







# Recruitment and preparing for training

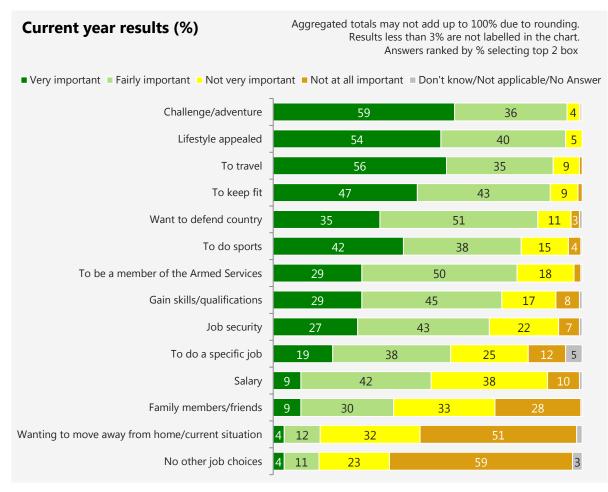






#### 14. How important were each of the following in your decision to join the Service?

Number of respondents (all respondents): Army (223)



#### **Key figures**



For challenge and adventure

95%

Lifestyle appealed



95%

To travel

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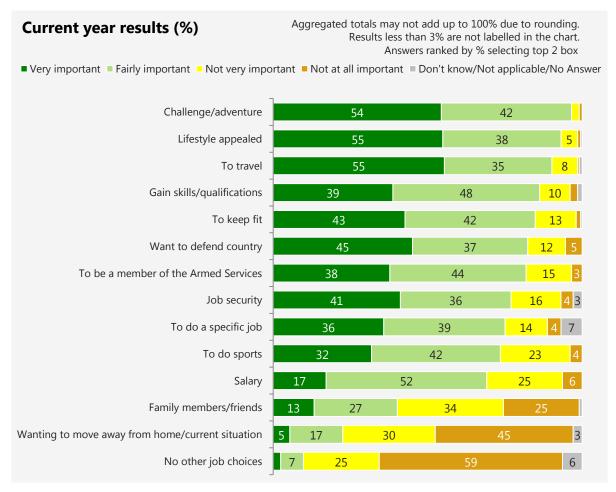






#### 14. How important were each of the following in your decision to join the Service?

Number of respondents (all respondents): Royal Navy (204)



#### **Key figures**



For challenge and adventure

97%

Lifestyle appealed



93%

To travel

(里)90%

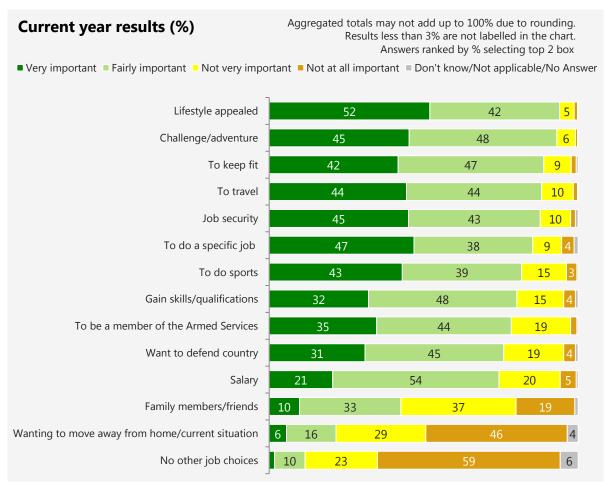






#### 14. How important were each of the following in your decision to join the Service?

Number of respondents (all respondents): RAF (448)



#### **Key figures**



Lifestyle appealed

94%



For challenge and adventure

93%

To keep fit



89%



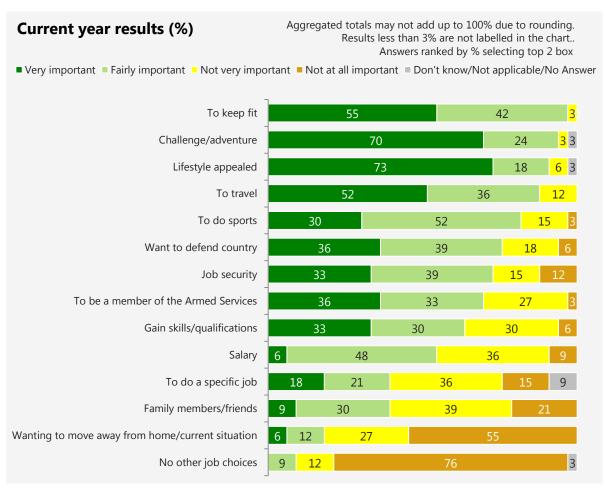


#### **Royal Marines Officer Cadets**



#### 14. How important were each of the following in your decision to join the Service?

Number of respondents (all respondents): Royal Marines (33)



#### **Key figures**



To keep fit

97%



For challenge and adventure

94%



Lifestyle appealed

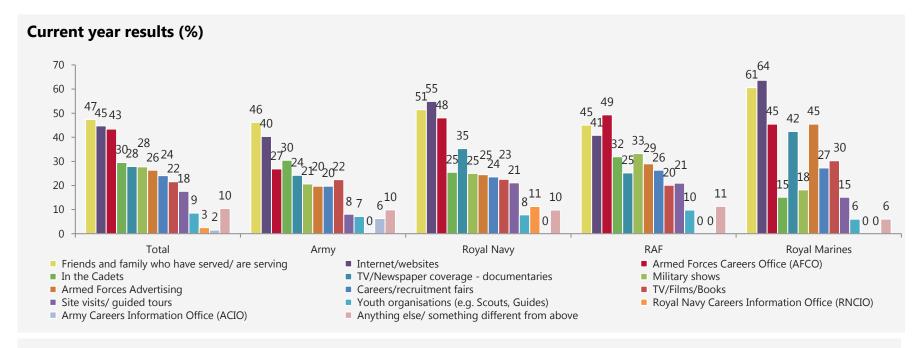
91%





#### 14c. Where did you learn about careers in the Armed Forces?

Number of respondents (all respondents): Total (908), Army (223), Royal Navy (204), RAF (448), Royal Marines (33)



#### **Key figures**

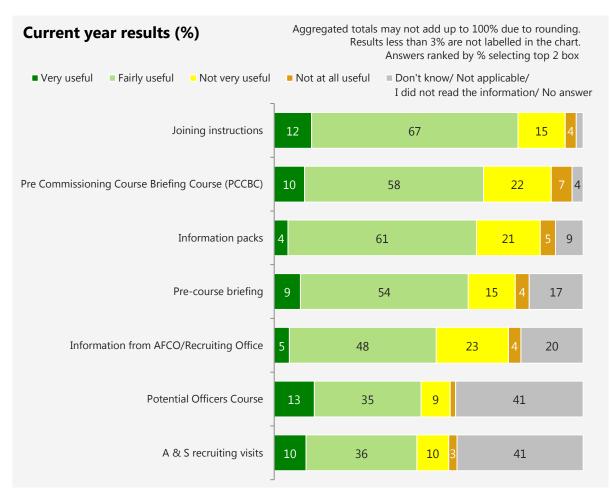
- Overall, friends and family, internet/websites and AFCO were the key sources for officer cadets to learn about careers in the Armed Forces.
- Friends and family who served was the top source of information for careers in Army Forces (46%). However, the top source for Navy officer cadets and Marines officer cadets was the Internet (55% and 64% respectively) and the top source for RAF officer cadets was the AFCO (49%).







Number of respondents (all respondents): Army (223)







Joining instructions

**79%** 

Briefing course



68%



Information packs

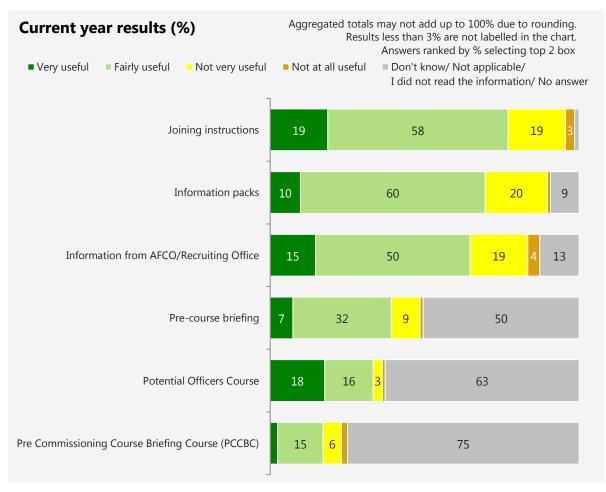
65%







Number of respondents (all respondents): Royal Navy (204)



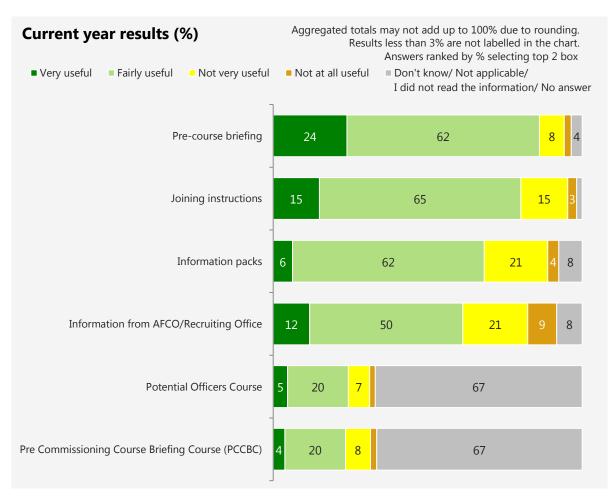








Number of respondents (all respondents): RAF (448)

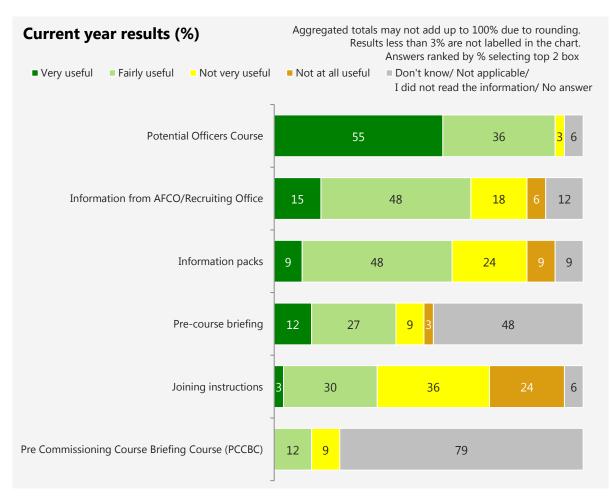








Number of respondents (all respondents): Royal Marines (33)



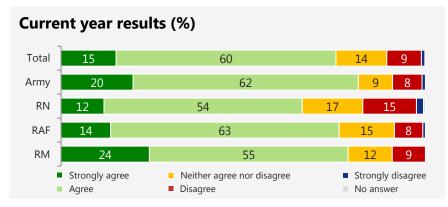


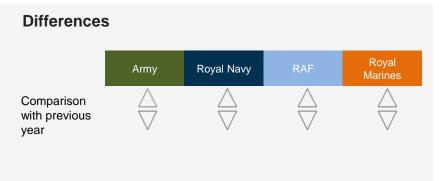


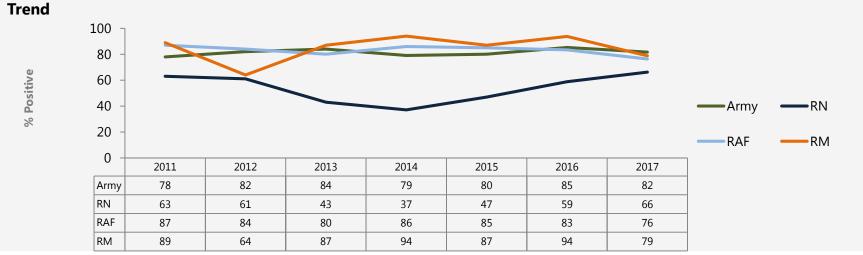


## 17. Please indicate your agreement with each of the following statements: The information I was given prior to arrival... Enabled me to prepare myself well enough for the physical demands of the course

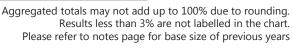
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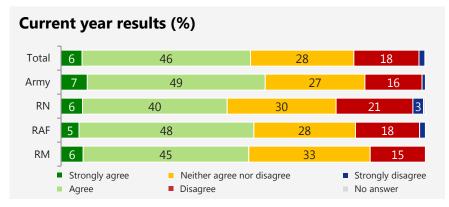


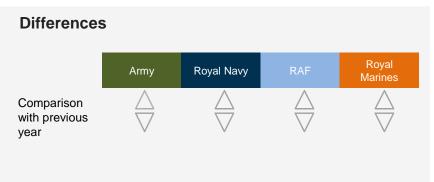


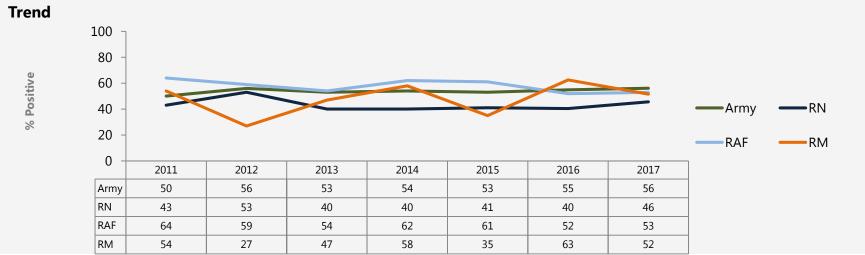
#### INFORMATION PRIOR TO ARRIVAL: ACCURATE PICTURE OF WHAT LIFE WOULD BE LIKE

## 17. Please indicate your agreement with each of the following statements: The information I was given prior to arrival... Gave me an accurate picture of what life would be like at unit

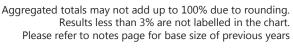
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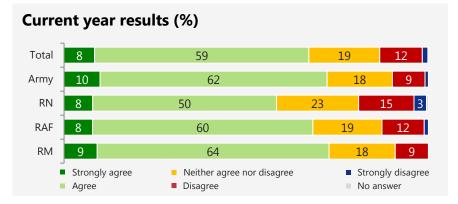


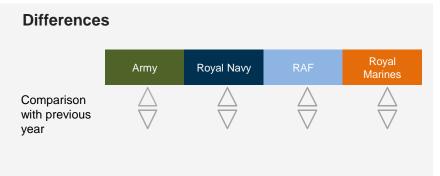


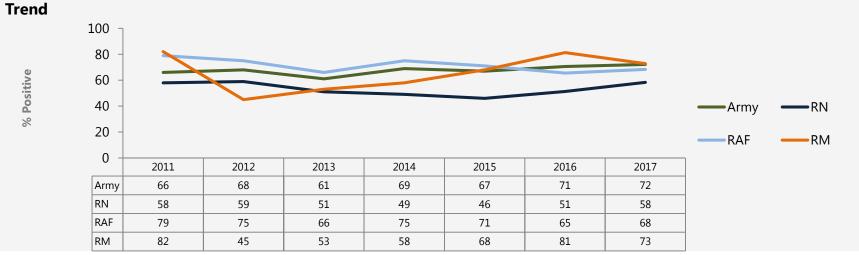
#### INFORMATION PRIOR TO ARRIVAL: ACCURATE INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT TRAINING INVOLVED

## 17. Please indicate your agreement with each of the following statements: The information I was given prior to arrival... Provided me with useful and accurate information about what the training involved

Number of respondents (all respondents): Total (908), Army (223), Royal Navy (204), RAF (448), Royal Marines (33) % positive equals the proportion who say 'strongly agree' or 'agree' – significant differences and comments based on this









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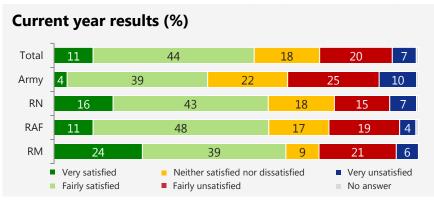
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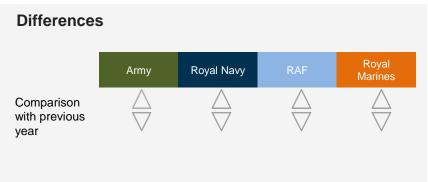
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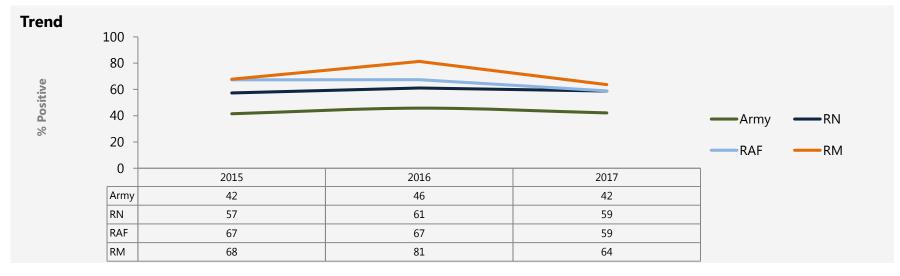


# KPI2. Overall how satisfied were you with the recruitment process?

Number of respondents: Total (908), Army (223), Royal Navy (204), RAF (448), Royal Marines (33) % positive equals the proportion who say 'very satisfied' or 'fairly satisfied' – significant differences and comments based on this













# Facilities and amenities



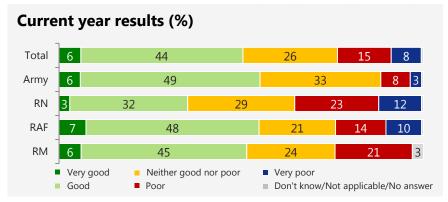


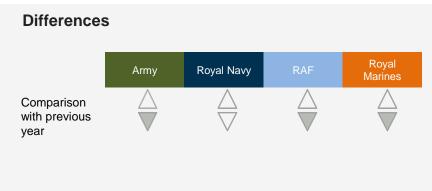
# **RATING: STANDARD OF LIVING ACCOMMODATION**

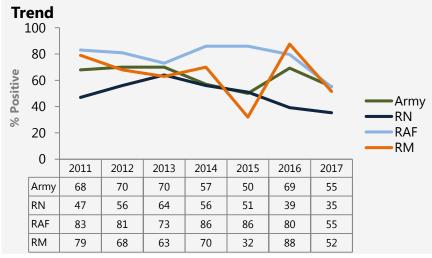
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#### 19. How would you rate each of the following: Standard of living accommodation

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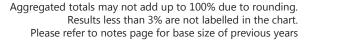




# **Key figures**

 Army, RAF and Royal Marines officer cadets were less likely to rate the standard of living accommodation as very good or good than in 2016 (69% to 55%, 80% to 55% and 88% to 52% respectively).

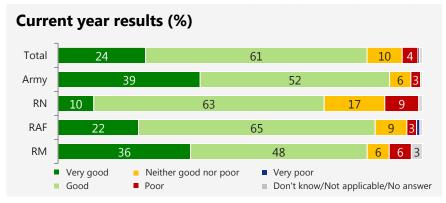


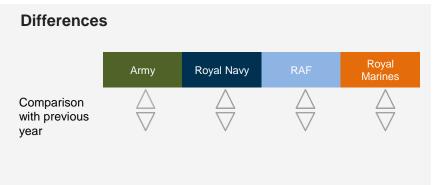


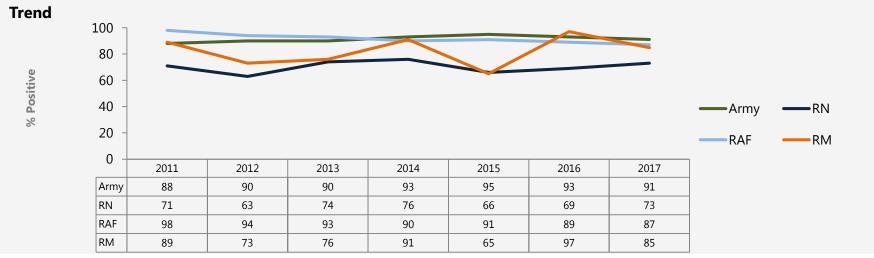


# 19. How would you rate each of the following: Sports facilities

Number of respondents (all respondents): Total (908), Army (223), Royal Navy (204), RAF (448), Royal Marines (33) % positive equals the proportion who say 'very good 'or 'good' – significant differences and comments based on this





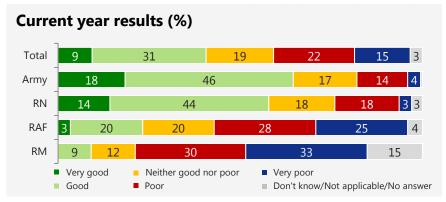


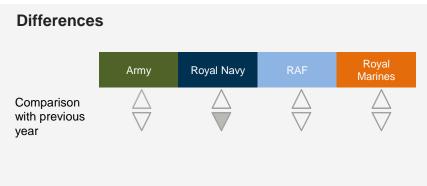


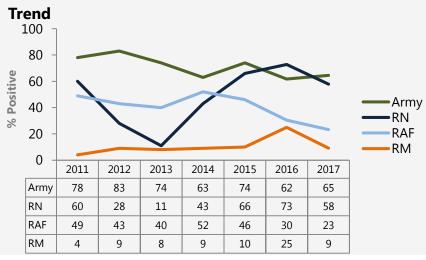


# 19. How would you rate each of the following: Opportunity for competitive sport

Number of respondents (all respondents): Total (908), Army (223), Royal Navy (204), RAF (448), Royal Marines (33) % positive equals the proportion who say 'very good 'or 'good' – significant differences and comments based on this







# **Key figures**

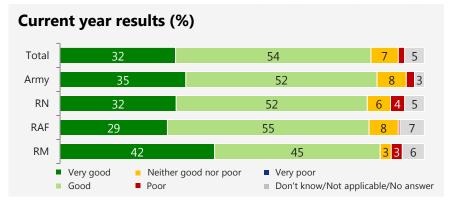
 Royal Navy officer cadets were less likely to rate the opportunity for competitive sports as very good or good than in 2016 (73% to 58%).

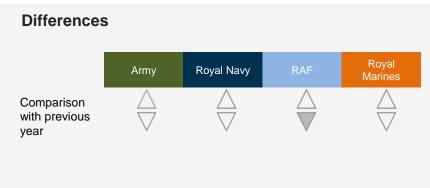




# 19. How would you rate each of the following: Medical Care

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# **Key figures**

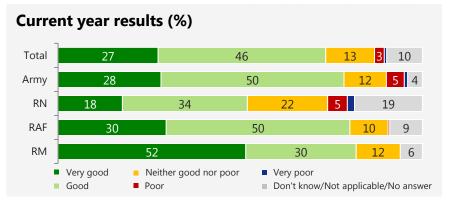
Against 2016, a lower proportion of RAF officer cadets rated medical care as very good or good; a drop from 91% to 85%.

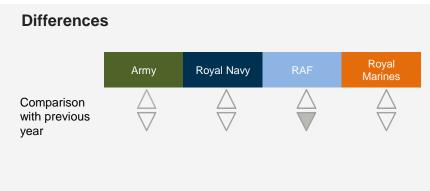


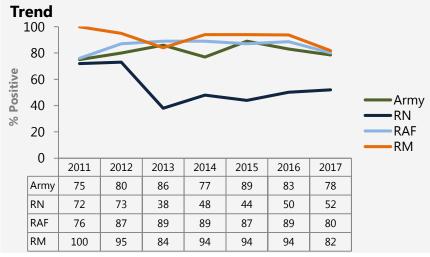


# 19. How would you rate each of the following: Dental Care

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# **Key figures**

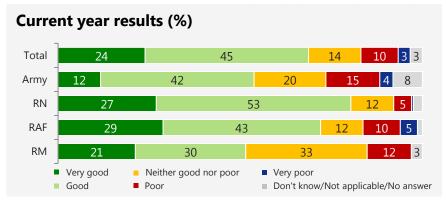
 The proportion of RAF officer cadets recording dental care as very good or good has fallen from 89% in 2016 to 80% in 2017.

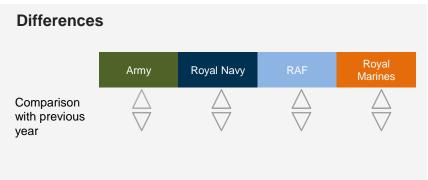


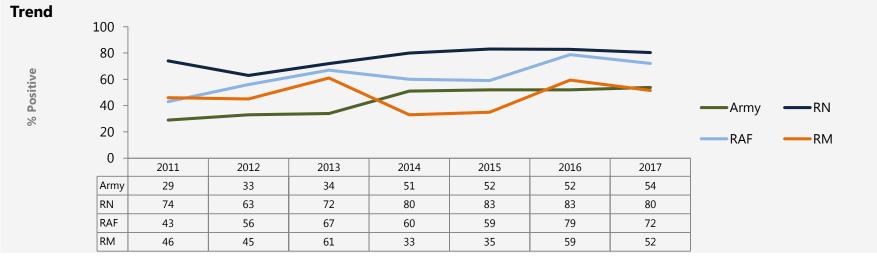


# 19. How would you rate each of the following: Access to IT for personal use

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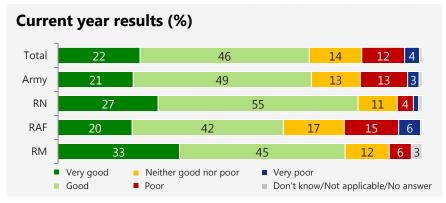


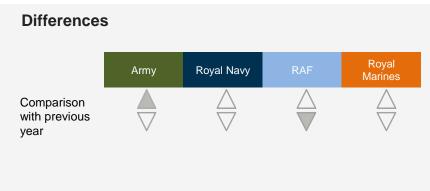


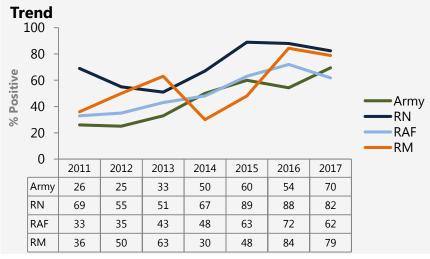


#### 19. How would you rate each of the following: Internet Access

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# **Key figures**

- Army officer cadets were more likely to rate internet access as very good or good in 2017 compared to 2016, 54% to 70%.
- Amongst RAF officer cadets, their ratings for very good or good internet access have gone down from 72% in 2016 to 62% in 2017.



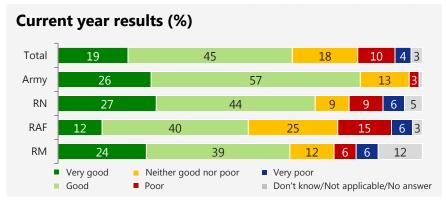


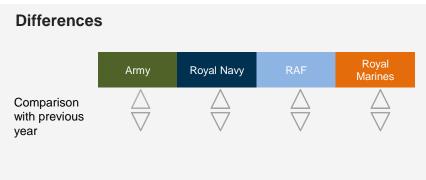
# **RATING: ACCESS TO GYM IN SPARE TIME**

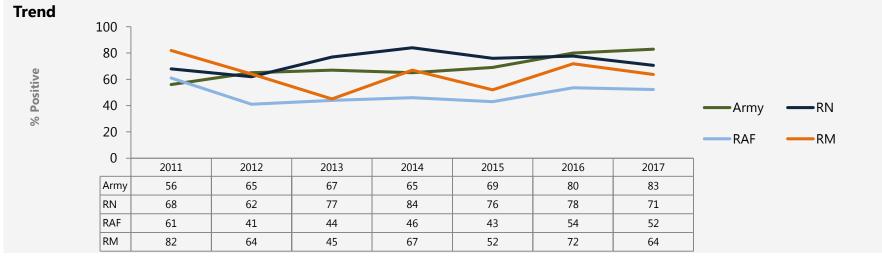
#### **Officer Cadets**

# 19. How would you rate each of the following: Access to gym in spare time

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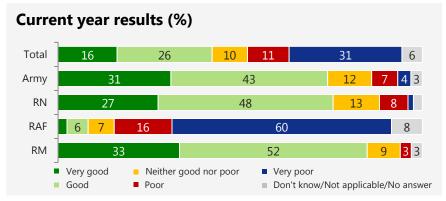


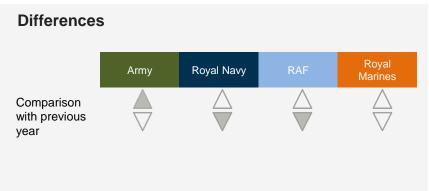


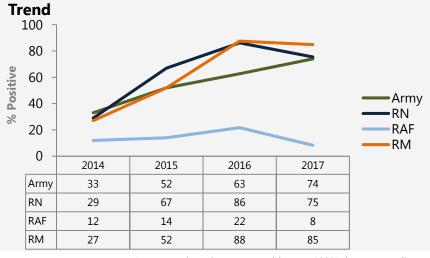


# 19. How would you rate each of the following: Provision of free Wi-Fi hotspots

Number of respondents (all respondents): Total (908), Army (223), Royal Navy (204), RAF (448), Royal Marines (33) % positive equals the proportion who say 'very good 'or 'good' – significant differences and comments based on this







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# **Key figures**

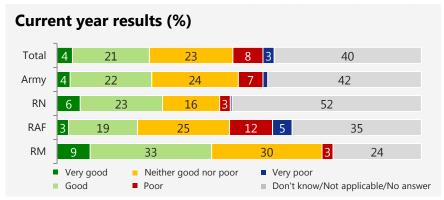
- The proportion of Royal Navy and RAF officer cadets rating the provision of free Wi-Fi hotspots as very good or good has fallen in 2017, from 86% to 75% and 22% to 8% respectively.
- Whereas, Army officer cadets were more likely to rate the provision of free Wi-Fi hotspots as very good or good, 63% to 74%.

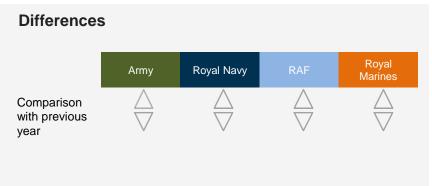


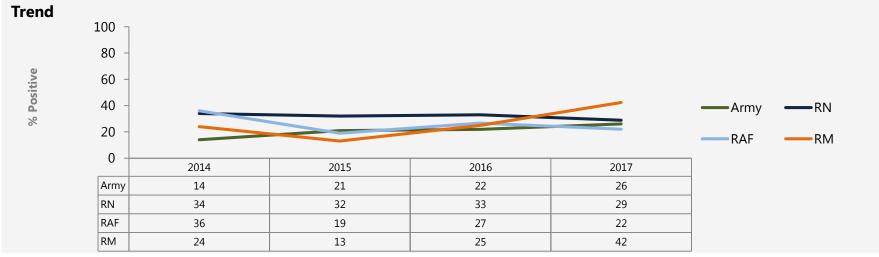


# 19. How would you rate each of the following: IT support for hardware issues

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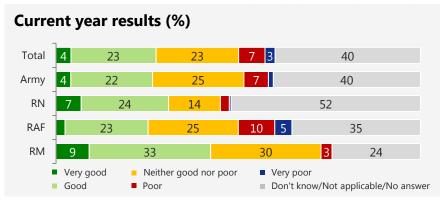


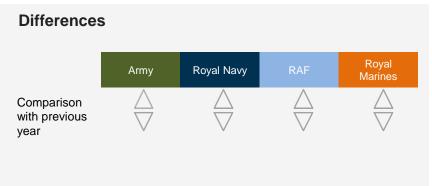


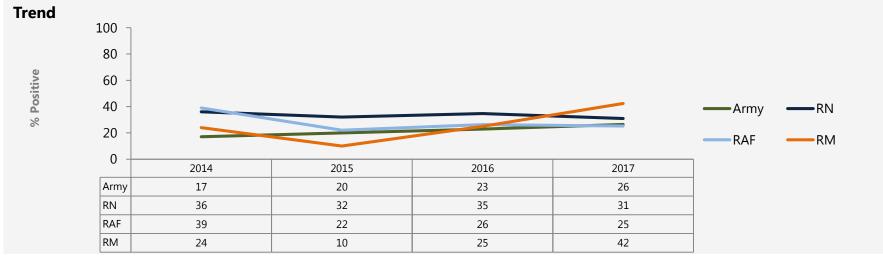


# 19. How would you rate each of the following: IT support for software issues

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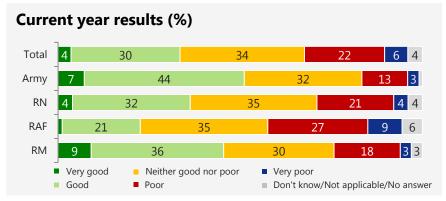


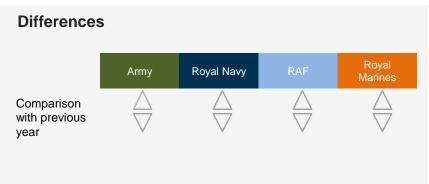
# **RATING: LEISURE AND RETAIL FACILITIES**

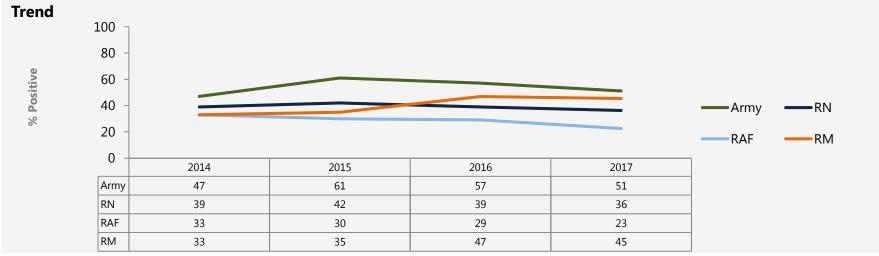
#### **Officer Cadets**

# 19. How would you rate each of the following: Leisure and retail facilities

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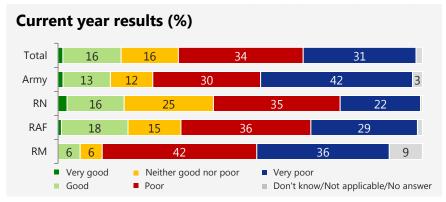


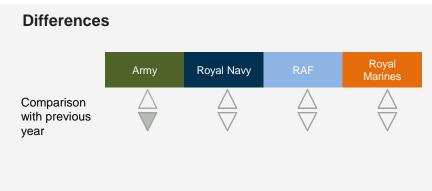




# 19. How would you rate each of the following: Laundry facilities

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#### **Key figures**

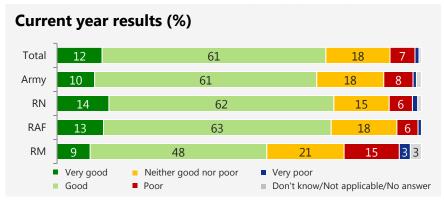
 A lower proportion of Army officer cadets rated laundry facilities as very good and good, down from 28% in 2016 to 14% in 2017.

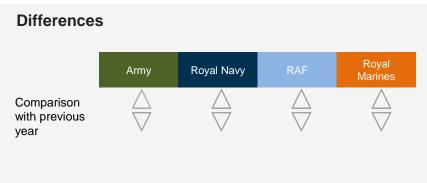


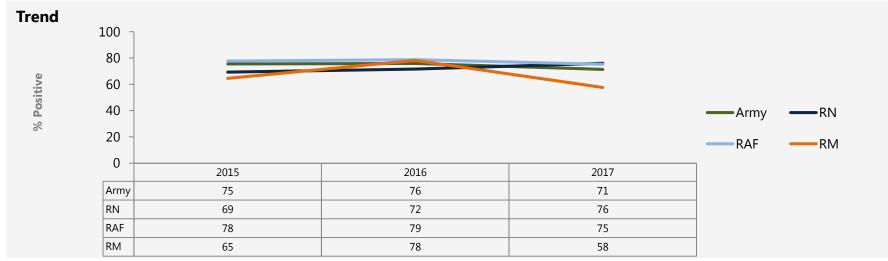


# 19. How would you rate each of the following: Personal Kit (e.g. boots and uniform)

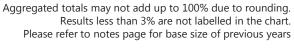
Number of respondents (all respondents): Total (908), Army (223), Royal Navy (204), RAF (448), Royal Marines (33) % positive equals the proportion who say 'very good or good' – comments and significant differences based on this







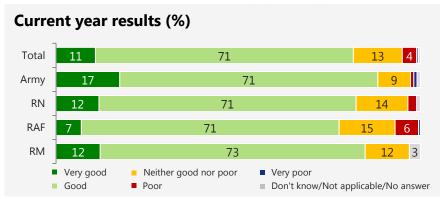


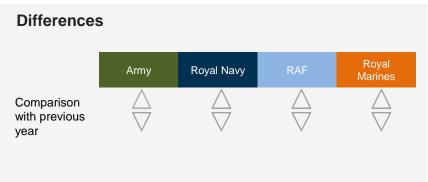


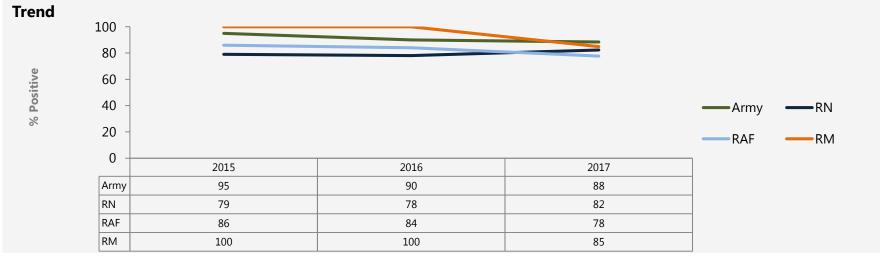


# 19. How would you rate each of the following: Standard of training facilities

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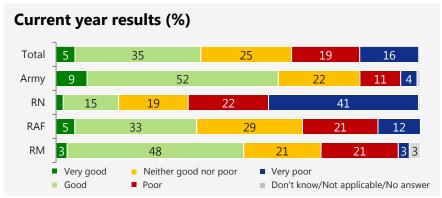


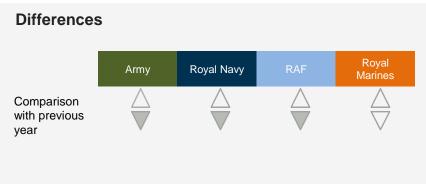




# 19. How would you rate each of the following: Food

Number of respondents (all respondents): Total (908), Army (223), Royal Navy (204), RAF (448), Royal Marines (33) % positive equals the proportion who say 'very good 'or 'good' – significant differences and comments based on this







# **Key figures**

 Compared to 2016, a lower proportion of Army, Royal Navy and RAF officer cadets provided a rating of very good or good for food in 2017.



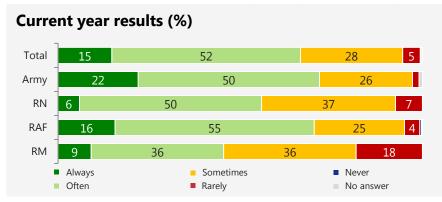
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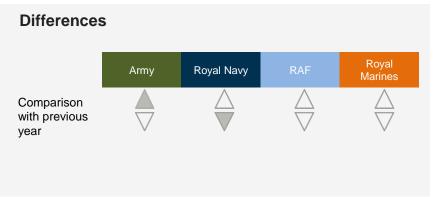
# WHETHER GIVEN ENOUGH TIME TO EAT MEALS

#### **Officer Cadets**

# 25. Were you given enough time to eat your meals?

Number of respondents (all respondents): Total (908), Army (223), Royal Navy (204), RAF (448), Royal Marines (33) % positive equals the proportion who say 'always' or 'often' – significant differences and comments based on this



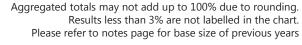




# **Key figures**

- Army officer cadets were more likely to state that they were always or often given enough time to eat meals in 2017 than in 2016, 59% to 72%.
- However, a lower proportion of Royal Navy officer cadets provided such ratings in 2017 than in 2016, 70% to 56%.

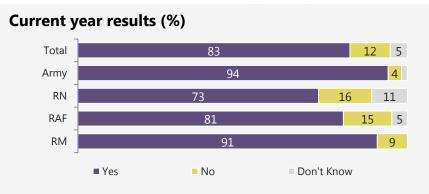


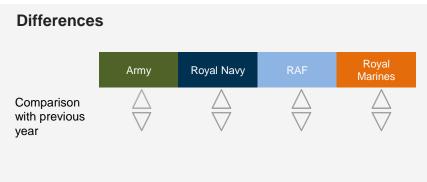


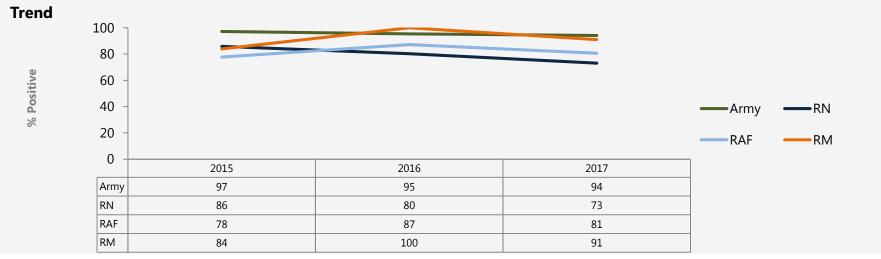


# NEW26. Were you given the option to comment on the food whilst at [College]?

Number of respondents (all respondents): Total (908), Army (223), Royal Navy (204), RAF (448), Royal Marines (33) % positive equals the proportion who say 'yes' – significant differences and comments based on this

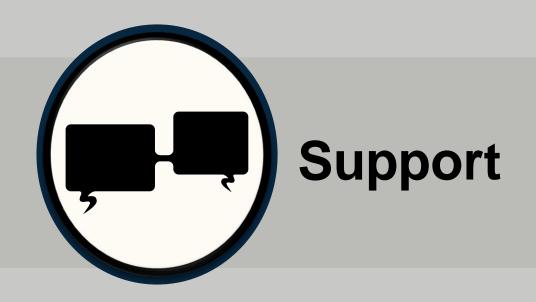










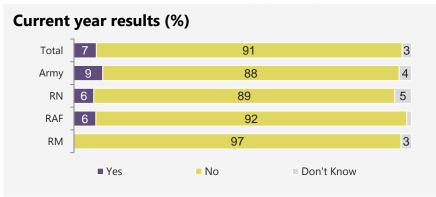


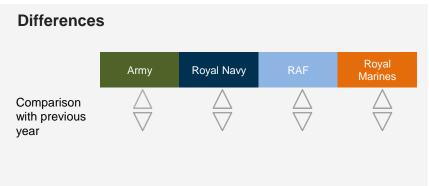


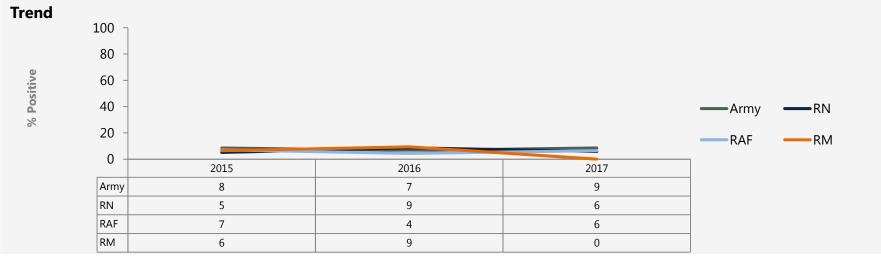


# 6a. Do you have any learning needs or difficulties?

Number of respondents at 6a: Total (908), Army (223), Royal Navy (204), RAF (448), Royal Marines (33) % positive equals the proportion who say 'yes' – significant differences and comments based on this





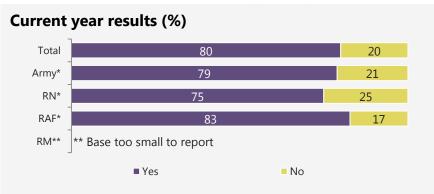


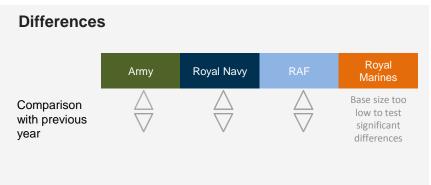


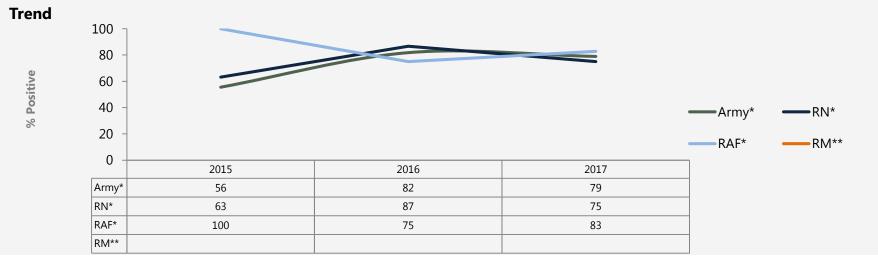


# 6b. Did you tell the staff at [college] that you had a learning need or difficulty?

Number of respondents at 6b: Total (60), Army (19\*), Royal Navy (12\*), RAF (29\*), Royal Marines (0\*\*) % positive equals the proportion who say 'yes' – significant differences and comments based on this









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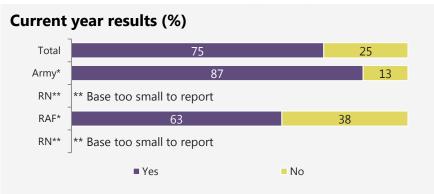
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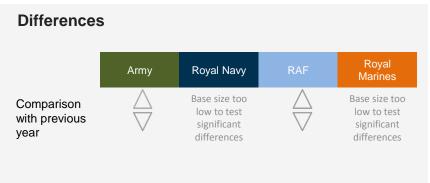
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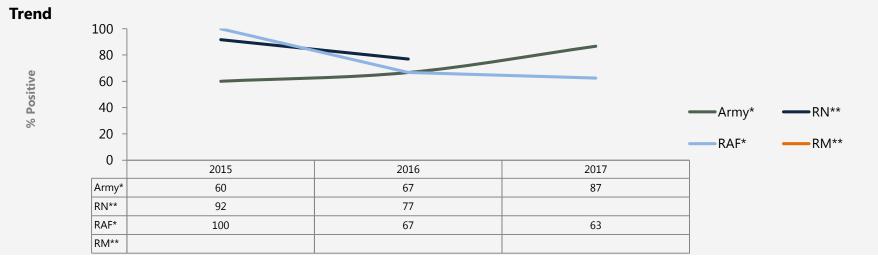


# Demog6c. Did you have all the support required for your learning need or difficulty?

Number of respondents: Total (48), Army (15\*), Royal Navy (9\*\*), RAF (24\*), Royal Marines (0\*\*) % positive equals the proportion who say 'yes' – significant differences and comments based on this









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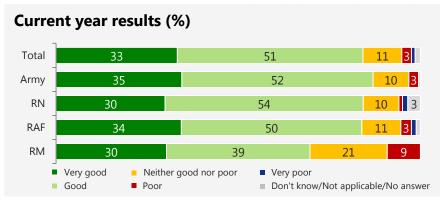
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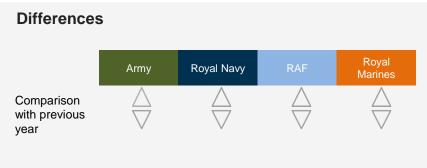
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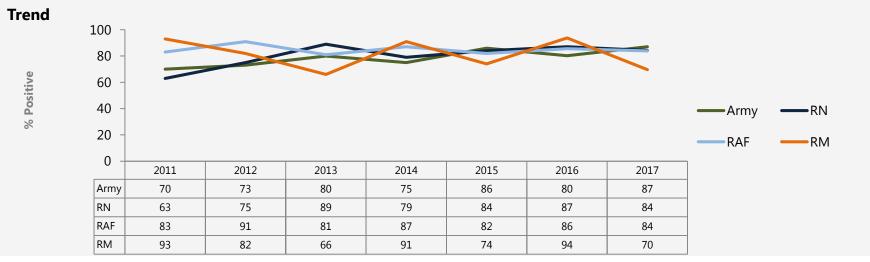


# 27. How would you rate the OPPORTUNITY you had to do each of the following at unit if you had wanted to... Talk privately with training staff

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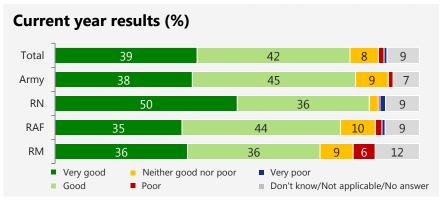


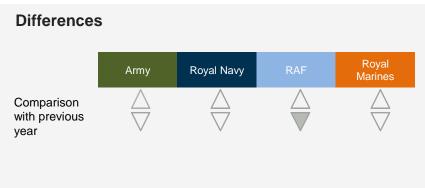




# 27. How would you rate the OPPORTUNITY you had to do each of the following at unit if you had wanted to ... Talk privately with chaplains/padre

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# **Key figures**

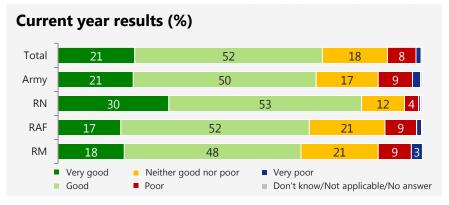
 RAF officer cadets were less likely to rate the opportunity to talk privately with chaplains/padre as very good or good compared to 2016, 86% to 78%.

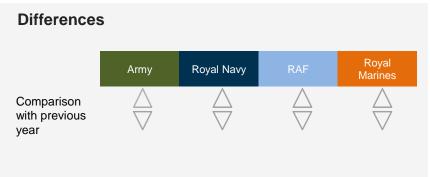


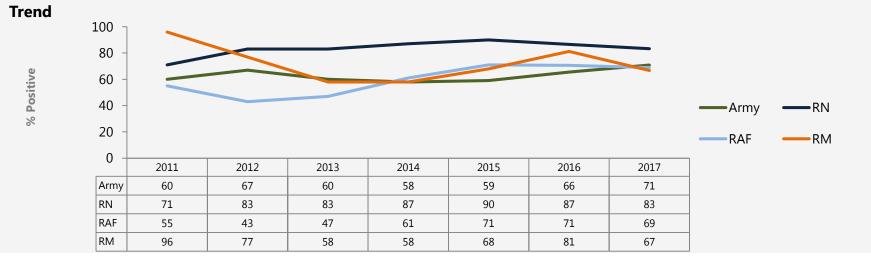


# 27. How would you rate the OPPORTUNITY you had to do each of the following at unit if you had wanted to ...Keep in contact with family and friends

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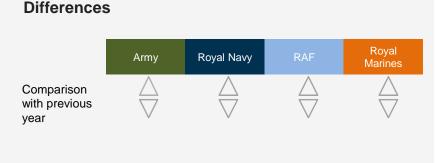


# 27. How would you rate the OPPORTUNITY you had to do each of the following at unit if you had wanted to... Practise your faith/religion

Number of respondents (all respondents who have a faith/religion and practice it): Total (108), Army (28\*), Royal Navy (34), RAF (42), Royal Marines (4\*\*)

% positive equals the proportion who say 'very good 'or 'good' – significant differences and comments based on this

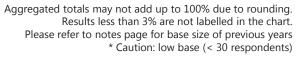
#### **Current year results (%)** Total Army\* RN **RAF** Base too small to report RM\*\* Very good Neither good nor poor Very poor Good Poor ■ Don't know/Not applicable/No answer



#### **Trend** % Positive Army RAF RM\*\* Armv\* RN **RAF** RM\*\*



Note: Base for this question changed from all respondents to those who have a faith/religion and practise it in 2017/18



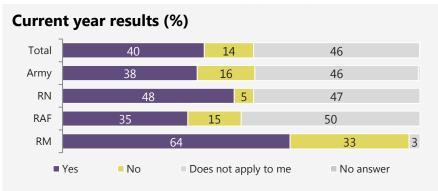


# **SOMEONE TO GO TO FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS**

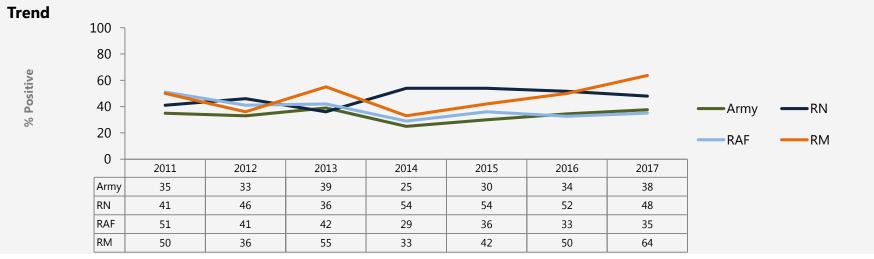
**Officer Cadets** 

# 28. If you had any problems with administration (e.g. pay, mess bills, UPO travel claims), were they adequately dealt with?

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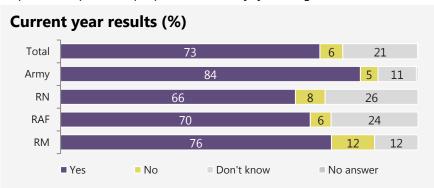


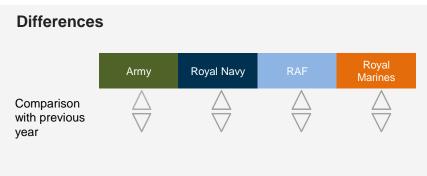


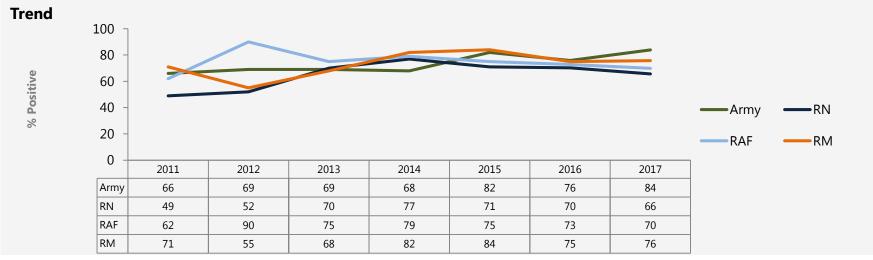


# 30. Whether or not you needed to, was there a member of staff easily available for you to go to if you had a problem outside of training hours?

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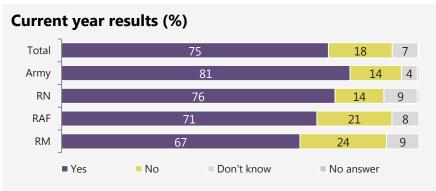




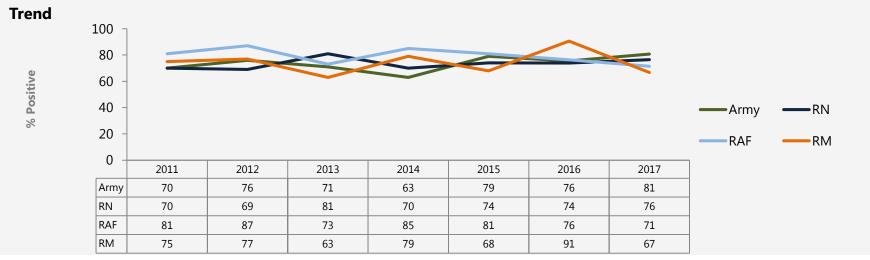


# 30. Whether or not you needed to, did you feel that you had the opportunity to raise all your concerns with a person in authority at unit?

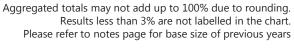
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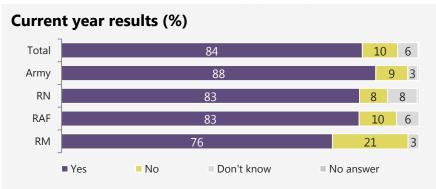




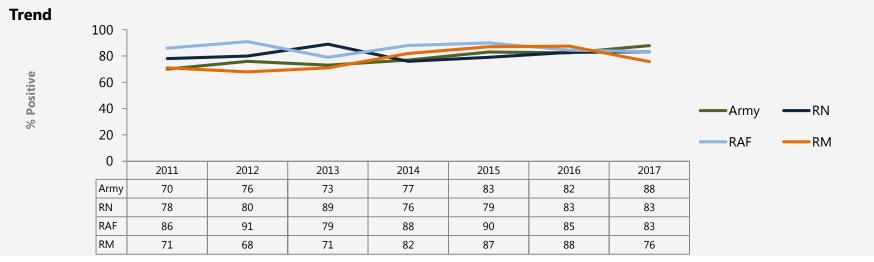
# **SOMEONE TO GO TO FOR PERSONAL OR EMOTIONAL PROBLEMS**

# 30. Whether or not you needed to, did you have someone at unit that you were happy to go to if you had any personal or emotional problems?

Number of respondents (all respondents): Total (908), Army (223), Royal Navy (204), RAF (448), Royal Marines (33) % positive equals the proportion who say 'yes' – significant differences and comments based on this













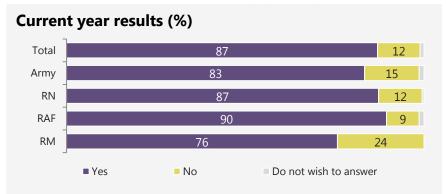


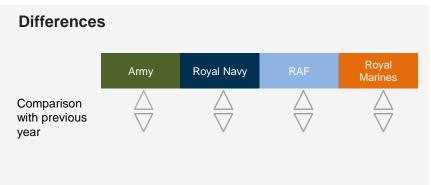


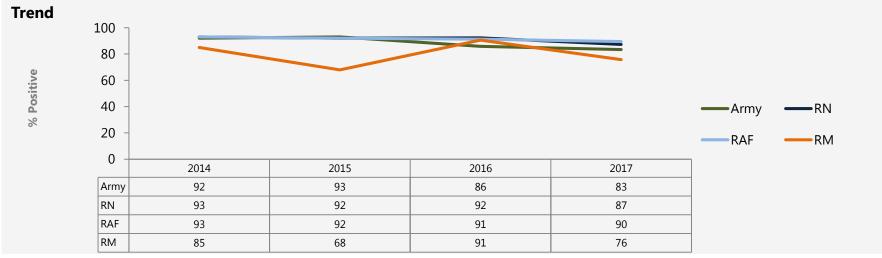
# AWARENESS OF HOW TO COMPLAIN ABOUT POOR OR UNFAIR TREATMENT OR BULLYING

# 37. Do you know how to complain about poor or unfair treatment or bullying at unit?

Number of respondents (all respondents): Total (908), Army (223), Royal Navy (204), RAF (448), Royal Marines (33) % positive equals the proportion who say 'yes' – significant differences and comments based on this





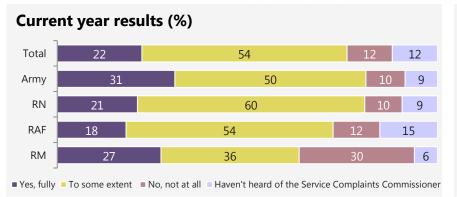


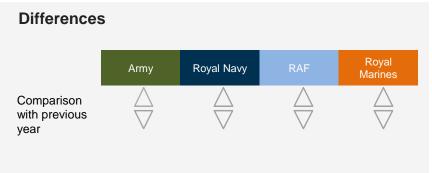


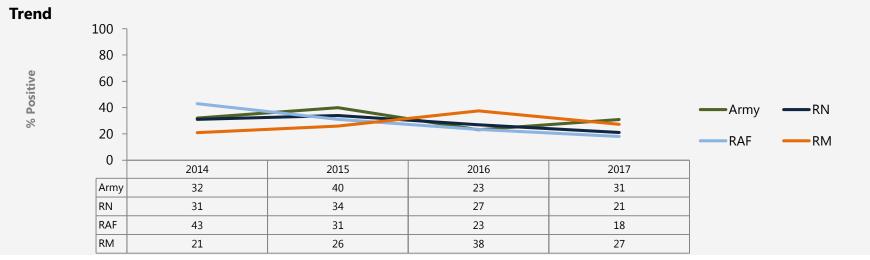


# 37scc. Do you know how the Services Complaints Ombudsman can help you with a discrimination, harassment and/or bullying complaint?

Number of respondents (all respondents): Total (908), Army (223), Royal Navy (204), RAF (448), Royal Marines (33) % positive equals the proportion who say 'yes fully' – significant differences and comments based on this





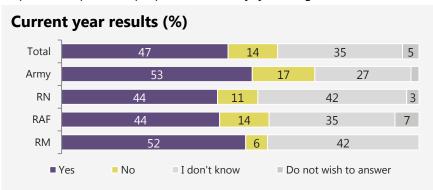


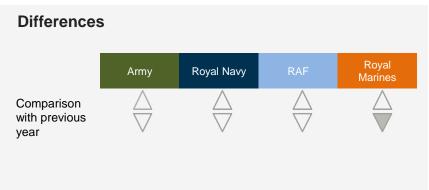




#### 38a. Generally, do you believe that complaints are dealt with in a fair manner at unit?

Number of respondents (all respondents): Total (908), Army (223), Royal Navy (204), RAF (448), Royal Marines (33) % positive equals the proportion who say 'yes' – significant differences and comments based on this







# **Key figures**

 A lower proportion of Royal Marines officer cadets indicated that they believe complaints were dealt with in a fair manner in 2017 than in 2016, 88% to 52%.



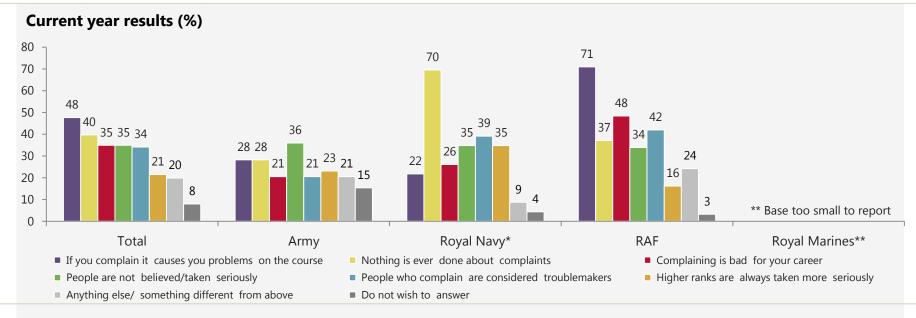


# REASON WHY COMPLAINTS ARE NOT DEALT WITH IN A FAIR MANNER

**Officer Cadets** 

### 38b. Why do you feel that complaints are not dealt with in a fair manner?

Number of respondents (all respondents who said that they did not feel that complaints were dealt with in a fair manner): Total (126), Army (39), Royal Navy (23\*), RAF (62), Royal Marines (2\*\*)



# **Key figures**

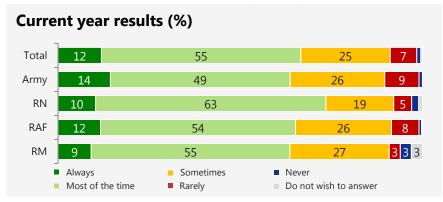
 Overall, the key reason for not believing that complaints were dealt with in a fair manner was that complaining causes you problems on the course. Amongst Army officer cadets, however, the proportion stating this as the key reason had decreased compared to 2016 (56% to 28%).

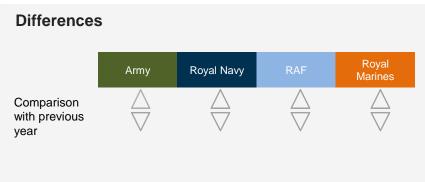


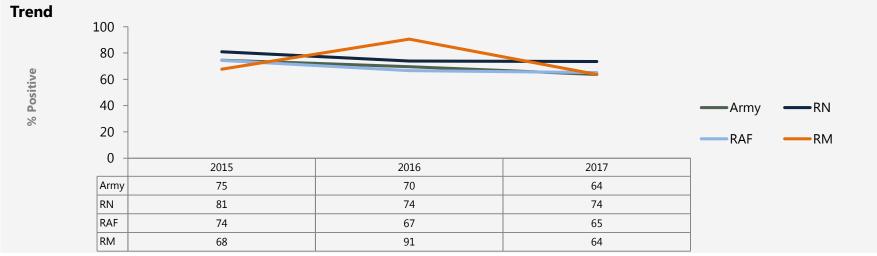


# 40. Please indicate how often the following statements apply: Cadets were all treated fairly

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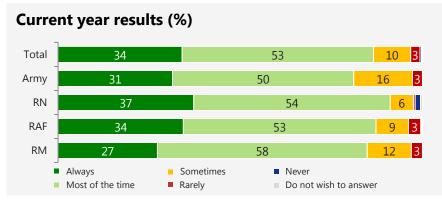


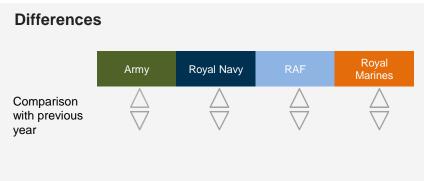


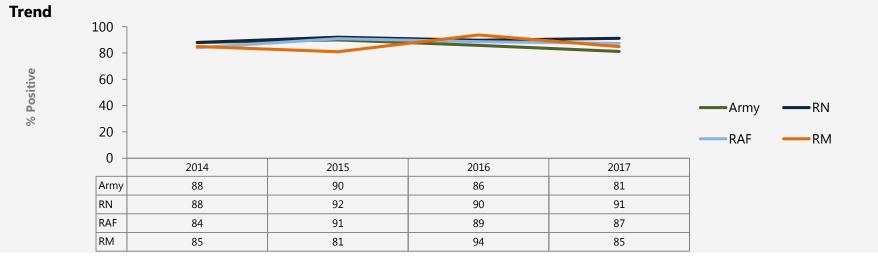


# 40. Please indicate how often the following statements apply: I was treated fairly

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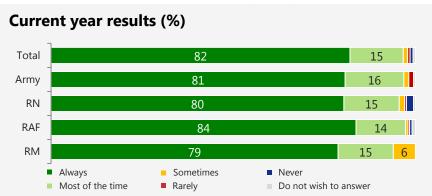


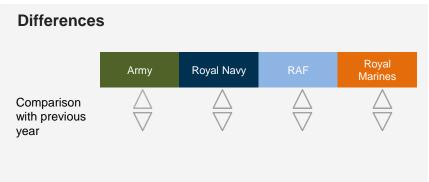
# **SEXUAL OR RACIAL HARASSMENT DURING TRAINING**

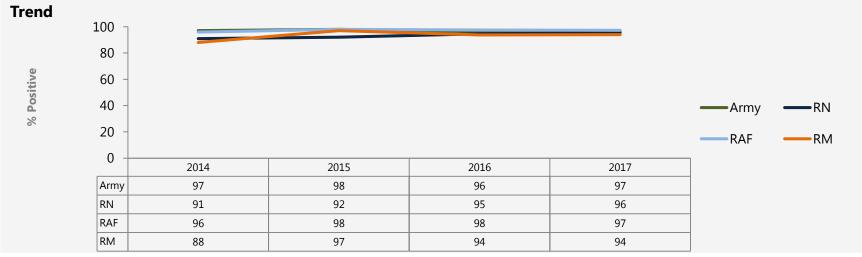
### **Officer Cadets**

# 40. Please indicate how often the following statements apply: Training was conducted without sexual or racial harassment

Number of respondents (all respondents): Total (908), Army (223), Royal Navy (204), RAF (448), Royal Marines (33) % positive equals the proportion who say 'always' or 'most of the time' – significant differences and comments based on this





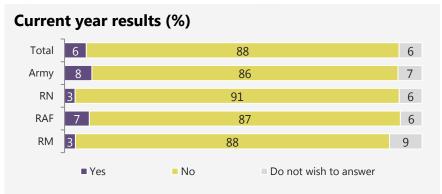


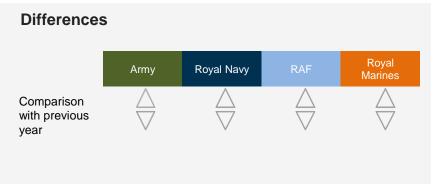


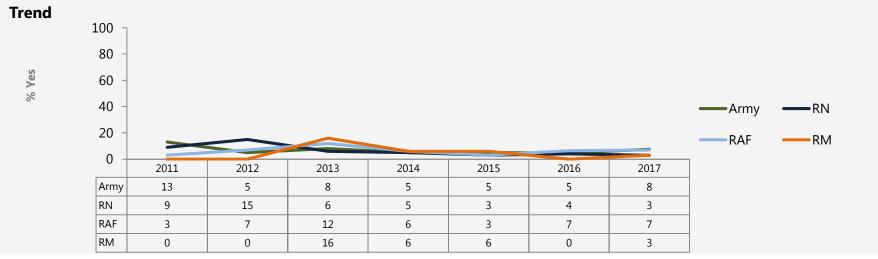


# 42a. Do you believe that you were badly or unfairly treated by the staff whilst at college?

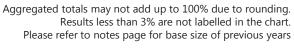
Number of respondents (all respondents): Total (908), Army (223), Royal Navy (204), RAF (448), Royal Marines (33) Significant differences based on % who say 'yes'











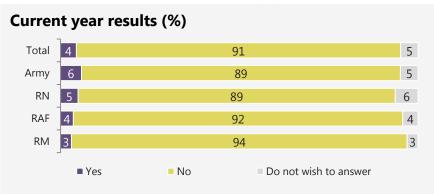


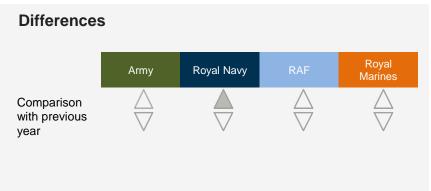
# WHETHER BADLY OR UNFAIRLY TREATED BY OTHER CADETS

**Officer Cadets** 

# 42b. Do you believe that you were badly or unfairly treated by other cadets whilst at college?

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# **Key figures**

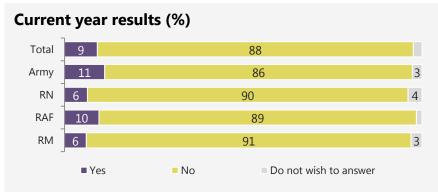
 A higher proportion of Royal Navy officer cadets believed they were badly or unfairly treated by other cadets whilst at college in 2017, up to 1% to 5%.

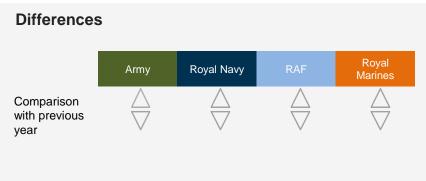


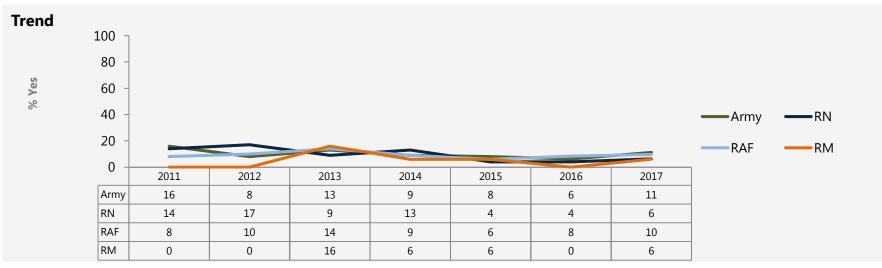


42a. Do you believe that you were badly or unfairly treated by other cadets whilst at unit?\* 42b. Do you believe that you were badly or unfairly treated by the staff whilst at unit?\*

Number of respondents (all respondents): Total (908), Army (223), Royal Navy (204), RAF (448), Royal Marines (33) Significant differences based on % who say 'yes' to either question







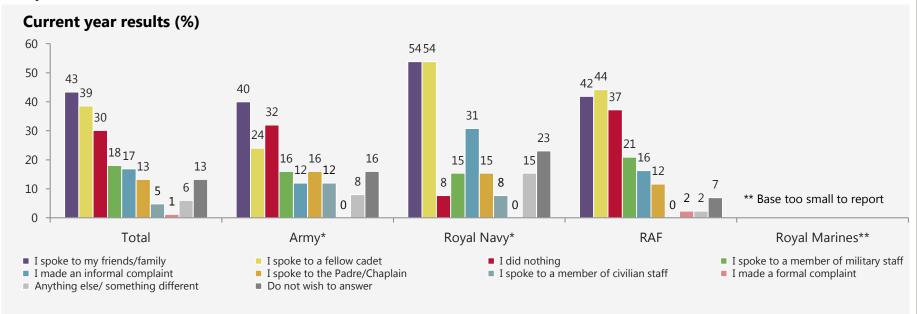
This analysis is based on a combination of the 2 questions whether officer cadets have been badly or unfairly treated by either other cadets and/OR staff whilst at unit





# 44. Which of the following did you do following the unfair treatment you experienced?

Number of respondents (all respondents who felt that they were badly or unfairly treated): Total (83), Army (25\*), Royal Navy (13\*), RAF (43), Royal Marines (2\*\*)



# **Key figures**

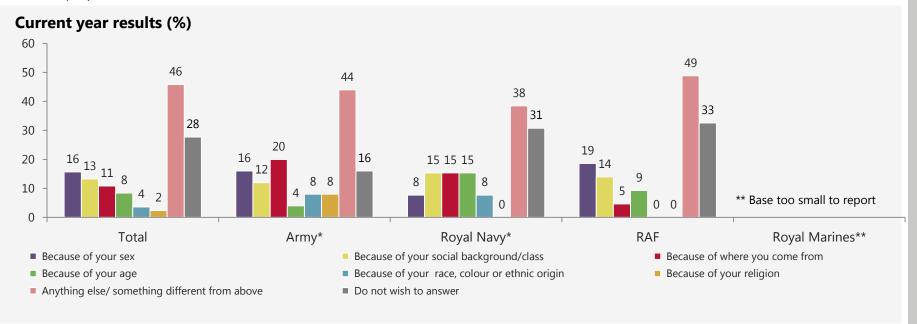
- The top action by officer cadets who felt they were badly or unfairly treated was to speak to friends and family (43%), followed by speaking to a fellow cadet (39%).
- Overall, 18% of officer cadets made a formal and/or informal complaint following unfair treatment.





# 45. Why do you think you were badly or unfairly treated?

Number of respondents (all respondents who felt they were badly or unfairly treated): Total (83), Army (25\*), Royal Navy (13\*), RAF (43), Royal Marines (2\*\*)



# **Key figures**

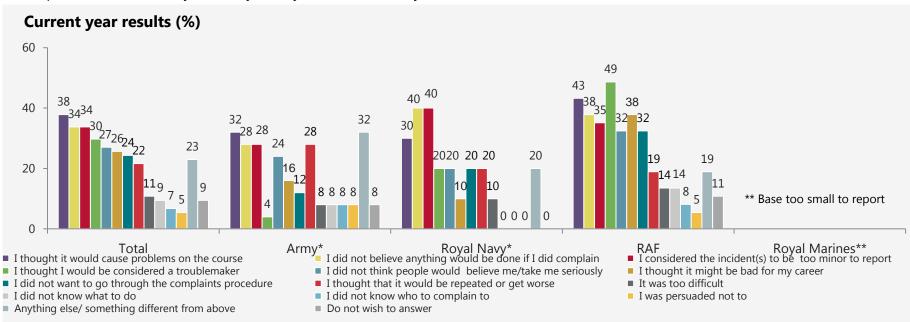
- Across the Armed Forces, the most common reason given by cadets officers for why they felt they were unfairly treated was because of their sex (16%) followed by their social background/class (13%).
- Please note however that 28% chose not to answer and 46% said something else.





### 45. If you did not complain about any incident of bad or unfair treatment, why was this?

Number of respondents (all respondents who said they were badly or unfairly treated by staff or other trainees and who did not make a complaint): Total (74), Army (25\*), Royal Navy (10\*), RAF (37), Royal Marines (2\*\*)



# **Key figures**

A mix of reasons were selected for why officer cadets did not complain about incidents of bad or unfair treatment. The
top reason was because they considered complaining would cause problems on the course (38%). Other key reasons
included officer cadets not believing anything would be done even if they complained or they considered the incident(s)
to be too minor to report.







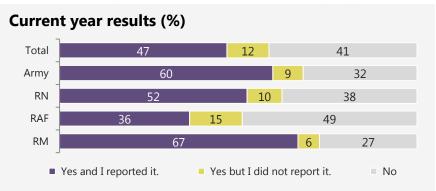
# Setbacks during training

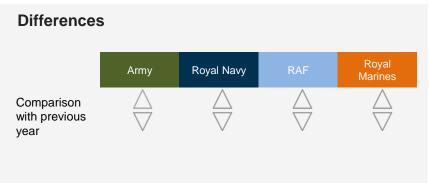




# 51. Were you ever ill or injured during training?

Number of respondents (all respondents ): Total (908), Army (223), Royal Navy (204), RAF (448), Royal Marines (33) Comments and significant differences based on % saying 'yes and I reported it'





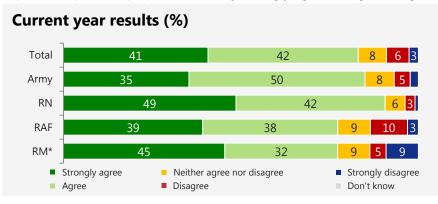
#### **Trend** % Yes and I reported it Army RAF RM Army RN **RAF** RM

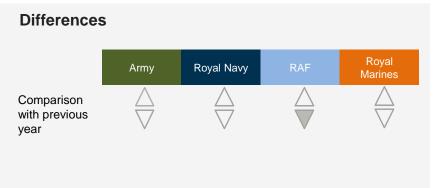




### 52. Please indicate how you feel about the following statements: My injury/illness was properly dealt with

Number of respondents (all respondents who were ill or injured and reported it): Total (425), Army (133), Royal Navy (107), RAF (163), Royal Marines (22\*) % positive equals the proportion who say 'strongly agree' or 'agree' – significant differences and comments based on this







# **Key figures**

 In 2017, there has been a fall in the proportion of RAF officer cadets who indicated they strongly agree or agree that their injury/illness was properly dealt with.



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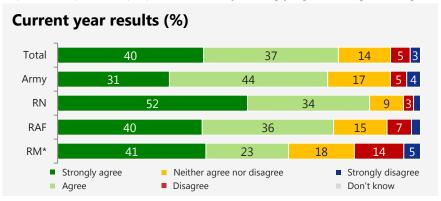
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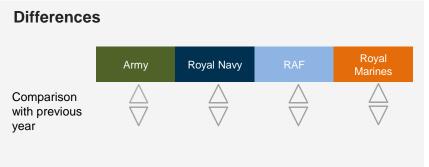
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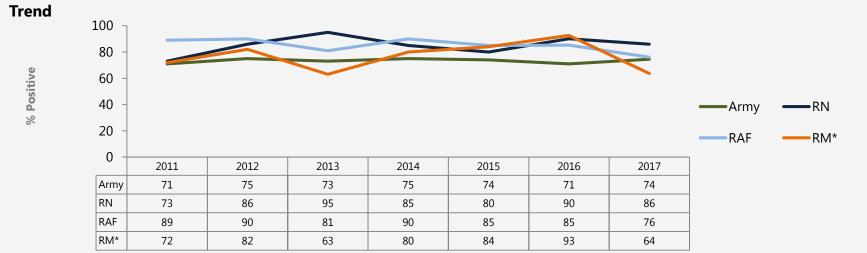


# 52. Please indicate how you feel about the following statements: Staff helped and supported me when I was ill/injured

Number of respondents (all respondents who were ill or injured and reported it): Total (425), Army (133), Royal Navy (107), RAF (163), Royal Marines (22\*) % positive equals the proportion who say 'strongly agree' or 'agree' – significant differences and comments based on this









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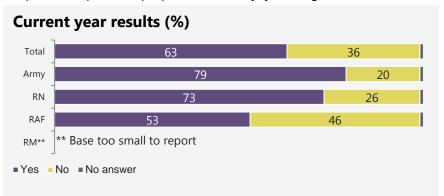
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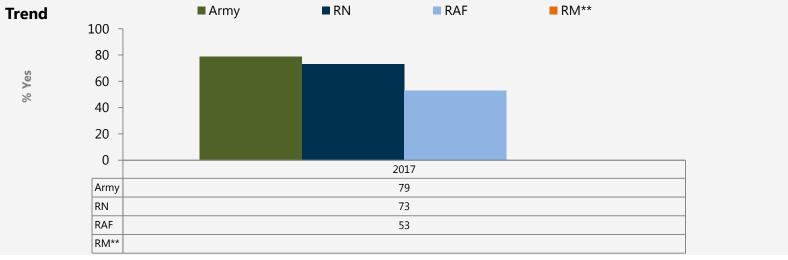


# 51a. Would you have felt comfortable to report sick, if you had been ill or injured during training?

Number of respondents (all respondents who were not ill/injured): Total (376), Army (71), Royal Navy (77), RAF (219), Royal Marines (9\*\*) % positive equals the proportion who say 'yes' – significant differences and comments based on this









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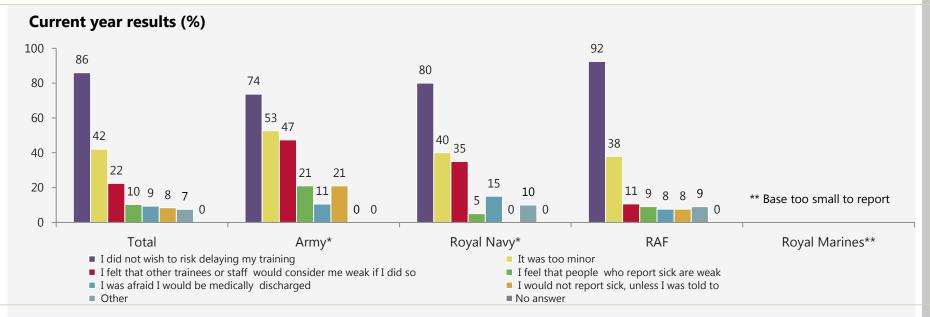
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# 53. Why did you not report it?

Number of respondents (all respondents who were ill or injured and did not report it): Total (107), Army (19\*), Royal Navy (20\*), RAF (66), Royal Marines (2\*\*)



# **Key figures**

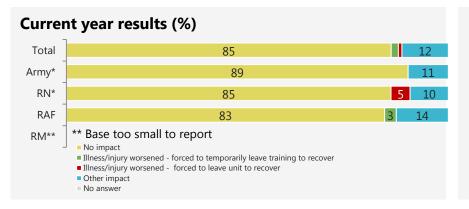
• Overall, the main reason for not reporting illness or injury was due to officer cadets not wishing to risk delaying their training. The proportion who stated this reason has increased from 70% in 2016 to 86% in 2017.

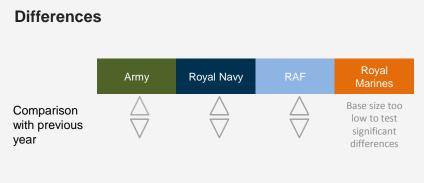


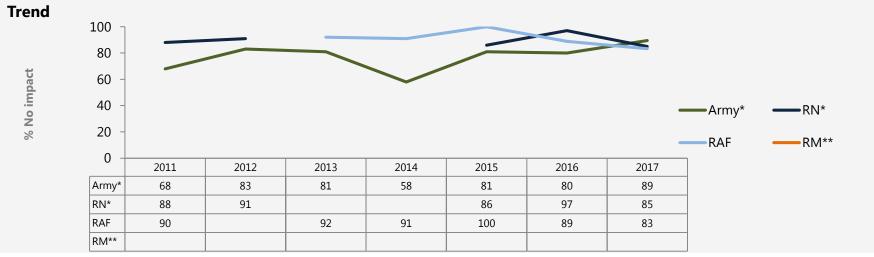


# 54. What was the result of not reporting sick?

Number of respondents (all respondents who were ill or injured and did not report it): Total (107), Army (19\*), Royal Navy (20\*), RAF (66), Royal Marines (2\*\*) Significant differences and comments based on proportion who say 'No impact'









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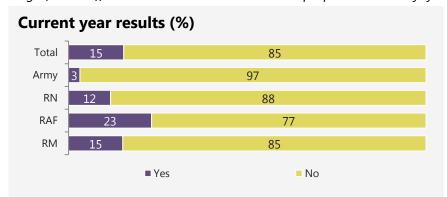
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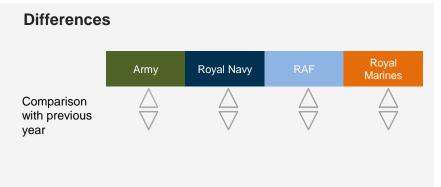
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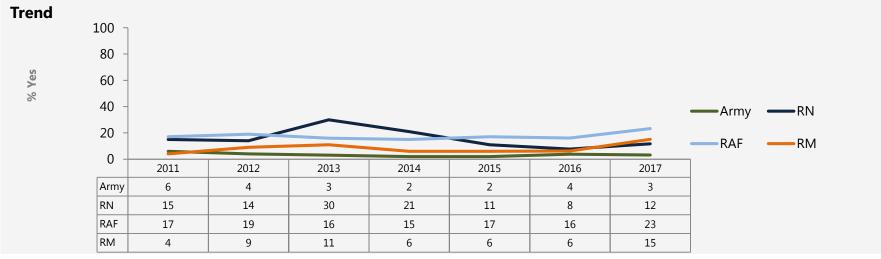


# 61. Did you have to repeat training?

Number of respondents (all respondents): Total (908), Army (223), Royal Navy (204), RAF (448), Royal Marines (33) Significant differences and comments based on proportion who say 'yes'





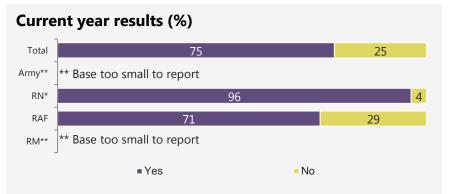


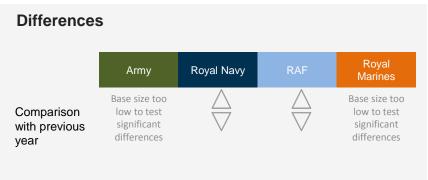


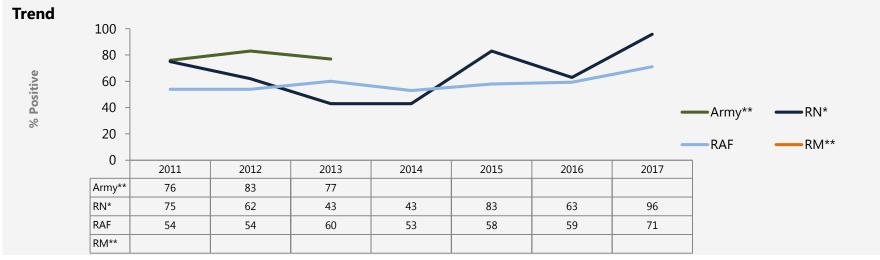


# 62. Were you warned personally that there was a possibility that you would have to repeat training?

Number of respondents (all respondents who repeated training): Total (140), Army (7\*\*), Royal Navy (24\*), RAF (104), Royal Marines (5\*\*) % positive equals the proportion who say 'yes' – significant differences and comments based on this









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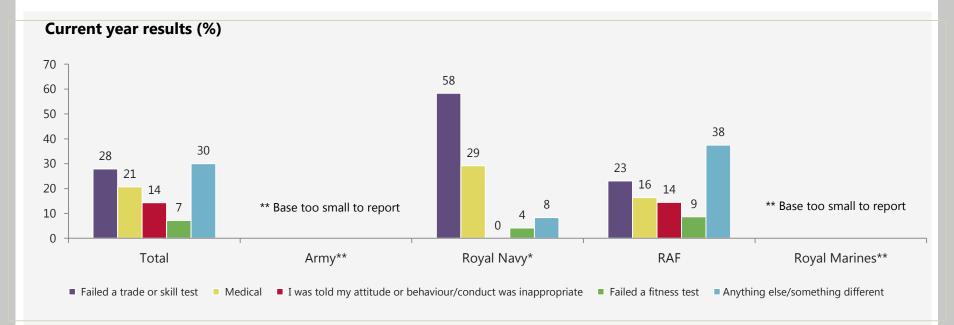


# **REASON GIVEN FOR REPEATING TRAINING**

**Officer Cadets** 

# 63. What reasons were you given for being repeating training?

Number of respondents (all respondents who had to repeat training): Total (140), Army (7\*\*), Royal Navy (24\*), RAF (104), Royal Marines (5\*\*)



# **Key figures**

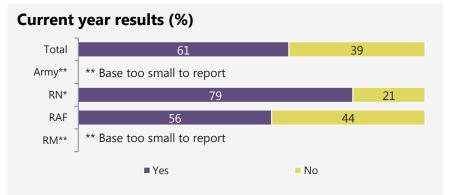
 Across the Armed Forces, the most common reason given for repeating training was due to failing a trade or skill test (28%). Please note that 30% indicated reasons that are relating to something other than those presented to them in the survey.

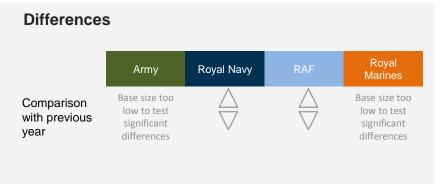




# 64. Did you agree with the reasons given for repeating training?

Number of respondents (all respondents who had to repeat training): Total (140), Army (7\*\*), Royal Navy (24\*), RAF (104), Royal Marines (5\*\*) % positive equals the proportion who say 'yes' – significant differences and comments based on this





#### **Trend** % Positive ·Army\* RAF RM\*\* Army\*\* RN\* **RAF** RM\*\*



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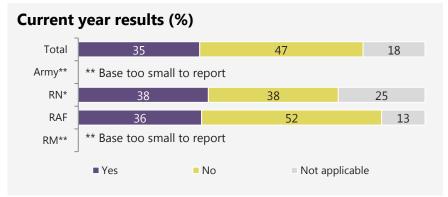
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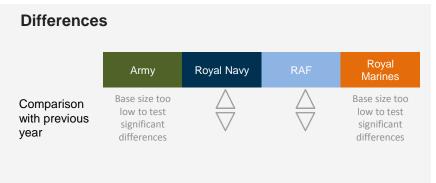
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# 66. Do you feel you were given every opportunity to improve in order to avoid repeating training?

Number of respondents (all respondents who had to repeat training): Total (140), Army (7\*\*), Royal Navy (24\*), RAF (104), Royal Marines (5\*\*) % positive equals the proportion who say 'yes' – significant differences and comments based on this





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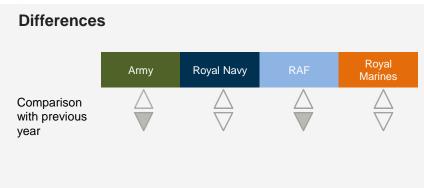
# **SATISFACTION WITH TRAINING EXPERIENCE**

**Officer Cadets** 

# KPI1. Taking everything into account, how would you rate your overall satisfaction with the training experience you have had at your unit?

Number of respondents: Total (908), Army (223), Royal Navy (204), RAF (448), Royal Marines (33) % positive equals the proportion who say 'extremely satisfied' or 'satisfied' – significant differences and comments based on this

#### **Current year results (%)** Total 20 31 43 Army 48 RAF 44 18 RM 18 Extremely satisfied Very satisfied Satisfied Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied Unsatisfied Very unsatisfied Extremely unsatisfied





# **Key figures**

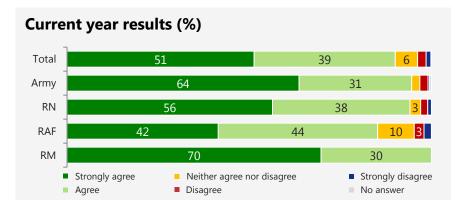
 In 2017, there has been a drop in satisfaction with training experience amongst Army and RAF officer cadets, from 89% to 80% and 85% to 63% respectively.

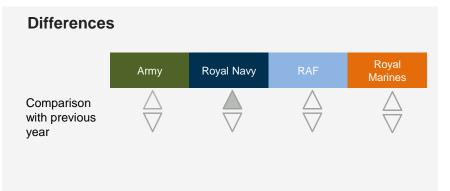


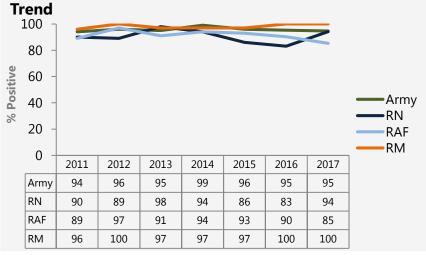


# 68. Below are some statements ... To what extent do you agree or disagree with each? I feel I personally benefited from the course

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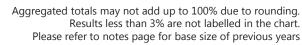




# **Key figures**

 The proportion of Royal Navy officer cadets stating they strongly agree or agree they feel personally benefited from the course has increased from 83% to 94% in 2017.

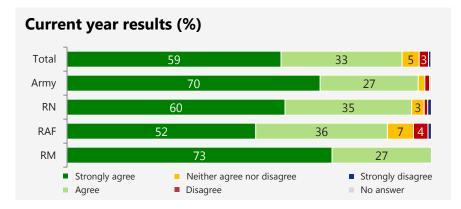


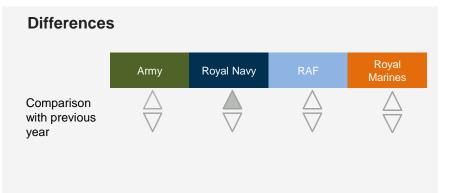


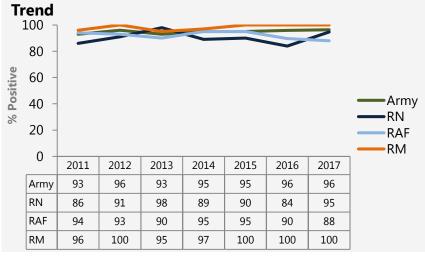


# 68. Below are some statements ... To what extent do you agree or disagree with each? I feel a sense of achievement

Number of respondents (all respondents): Total (908), Army (223), Royal Navy (204), RAF (448), Royal Marines (33) % positive equals the proportion who say 'strongly agree' or 'agree' – significant differences and comments based on this







# **Key figures**

 A higher proportion of Royal Navy officer cadets agreed that they feel a sense of achievement, up from 84% in 2016 to 95% in 2017.

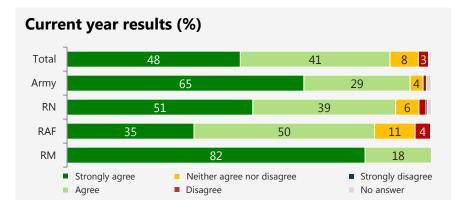


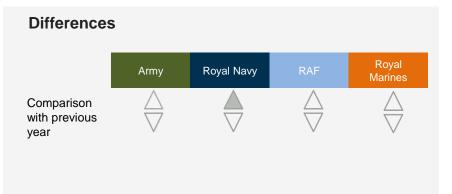


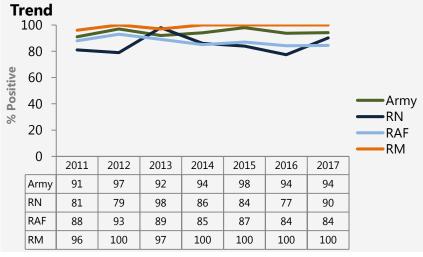


### 68. Below are some statements ... To what extent do you agree or disagree with each? I felt challenged

Number of respondents (all respondents): Total (908), Army (223), Royal Navy (204), RAF (448), Royal Marines (33) % positive equals the proportion who say 'strongly agree' or 'agree' – significant differences and comments based on this







# **Key figures**

 A higher proportion of Royal Navy officer cadets agreed that they felt challenged, up from 77% agreement in 2016 to 90% agreement in 2017.

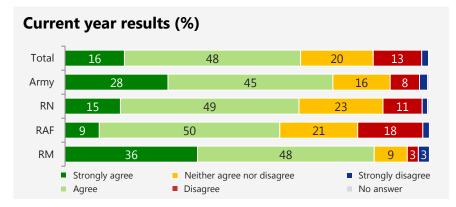


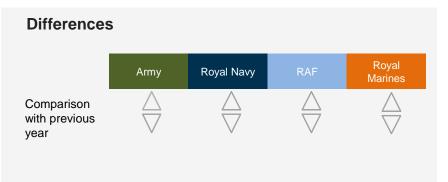


### **Officer Cadets**

# 68. Below are some statements ... To what extent do you agree or disagree with each? The training was what I expected

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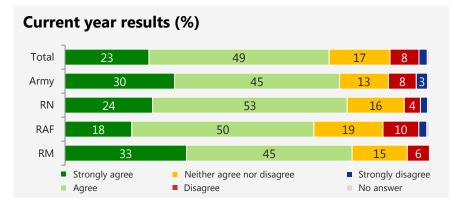


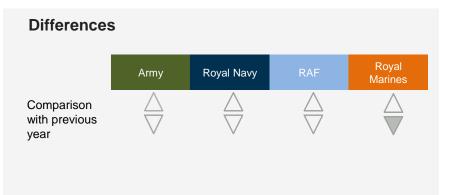


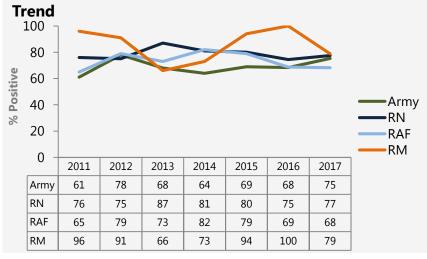


### 68. Below are some statements ... To what extent do you agree or disagree with each? I enjoyed the course

Number of respondents (all respondents): Total (908), Army (223), Royal Navy (204), RAF (448), Royal Marines (33) % positive equals the proportion who say 'strongly agree' or 'agree' – significant differences and comments based on this







# **Key figures**

 There has been a fall in the proportion of Royal Marines officer cadets who claimed they enjoyed the course, down from 100% to 79% in 2017.

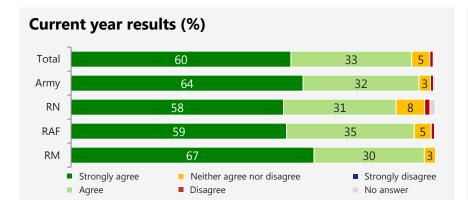


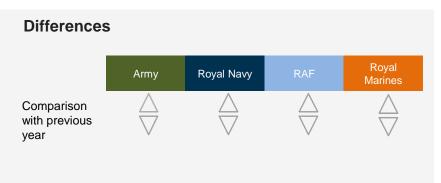


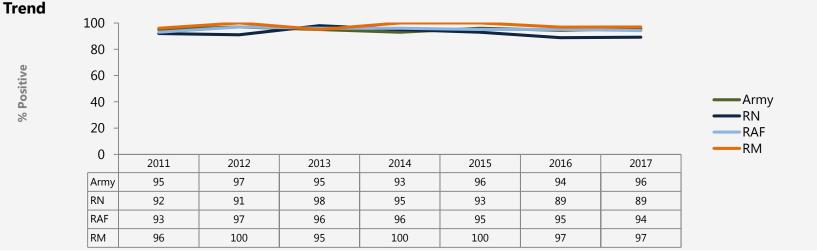


# 68. Below are some statements ... To what extent do you agree or disagree with each? I feel proud to be in the [Service]

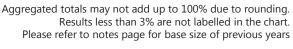
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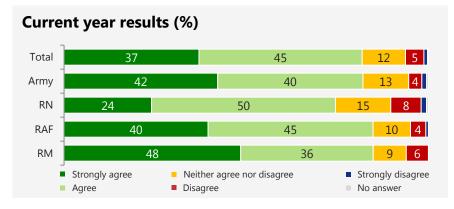


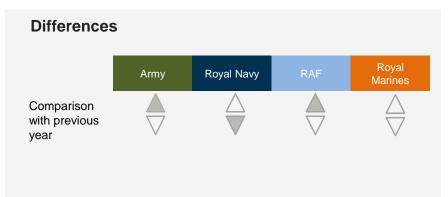




# 68. Below are some statements ... To what extent do you agree or disagree with each? Morale was good on my course

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# **Key figures**

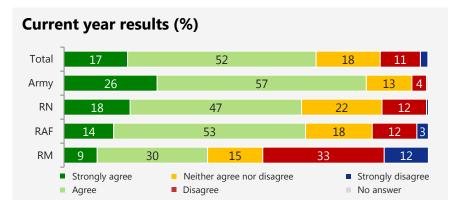
 Both Army and RAF officer cadets were more positive about morale in 2017 than in 2016. The opposite trend is observed for Royal Navy officer cadets.

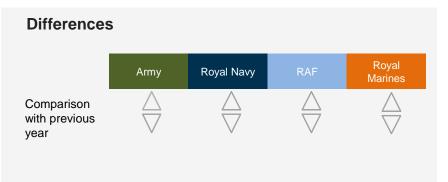


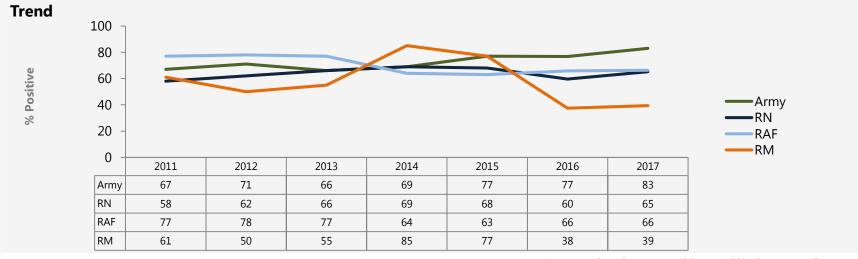


# 68. Below are some statements ... To what extent do you agree or disagree with each? I received regular feedback on my performance

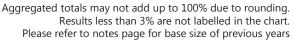
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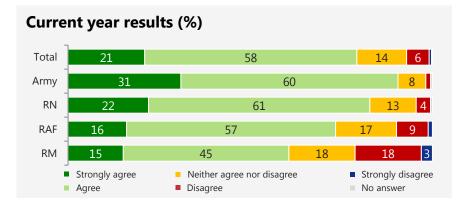


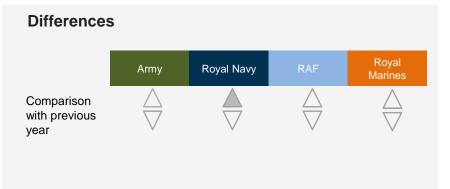


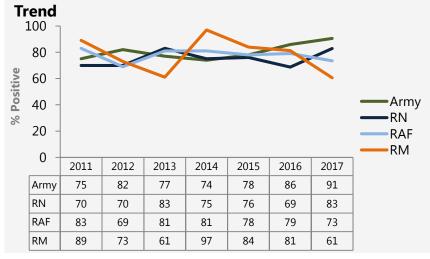
### **Officer Cadets**

# 68. Below are some statements ... To what extent do you agree or disagree with each? Training objectives and aims were explained to me

Number of respondents (all respondents): Total (908), Army (223), Royal Navy (204), RAF (448), Royal Marines (33) % positive equals the proportion who say 'strongly agree' or 'agree' – significant differences and comments based on this







# **Key figures**

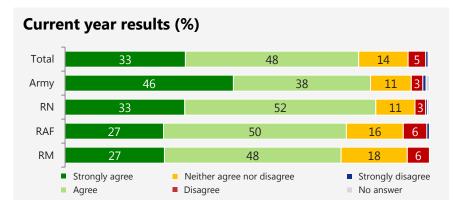
 The proportion of Royal Navy officer cadets who agreed that training objectives and aims were explained to them has increased from 69% in 2016 to 83% in 2017.

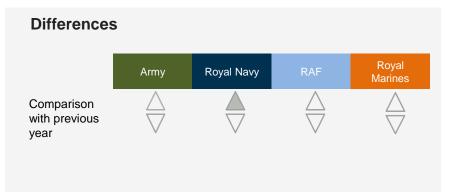




# 68. Below are some statements ... To what extent do you agree or disagree with each? The staff/instructors did all they could to help me succeed

Number of respondents (all respondents): Total (908), Army (223), Royal Navy (204), RAF (448), Royal Marines (33) % positive equals the proportion who say "strongly agree" or 'agree" – significant differences and comments based on this







# **Key figures**

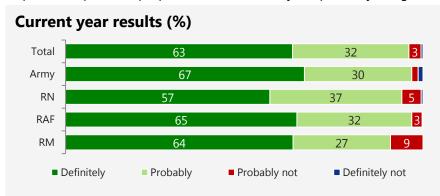
 A higher proportion of Royal Navy officer cadets stated that they strongly agree or agree that staff/instructors did all they could to help them succeed, up from 75% in 2016 to 85% in 2017.

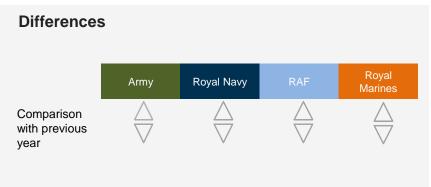


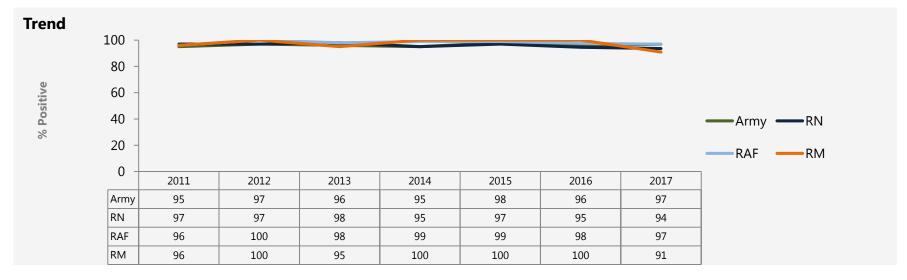
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# 69. Would you recommend joining your Service to others?

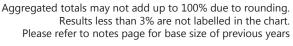
Number of respondents (all respondents): Total (908), Army (223), Royal Navy (204), RAF (448), Royal Marines (33) % positive equals the proportion who 'definitely' or 'probably' – significant differences and comments based on this







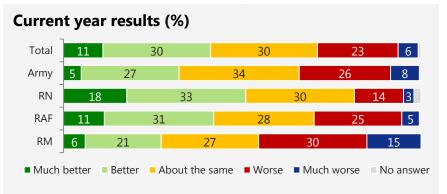


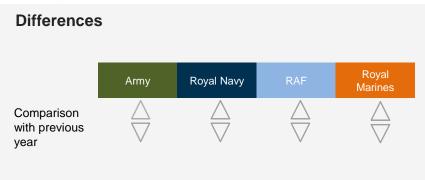


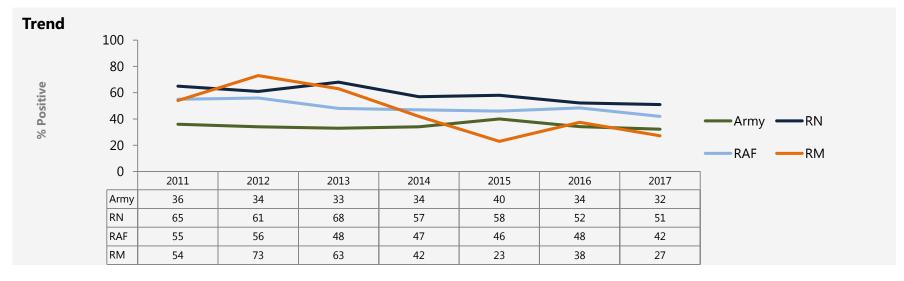


### 71. How do you think your pay compares with your non-military friends at home?

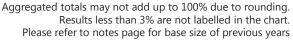
Number of respondents (all respondents): Total (908), Army (223), Royal Navy (204), RAF (448), Royal Marines (33) % positive equals the proportion who say 'mine is much better 'or 'mine is better' – significant differences and comments based on this















## Hopes for the future

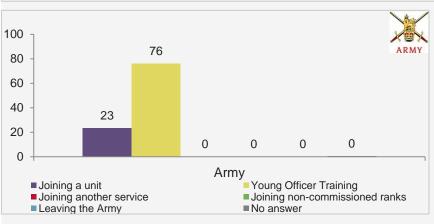


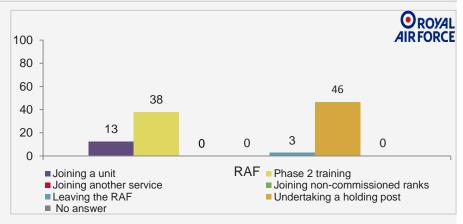


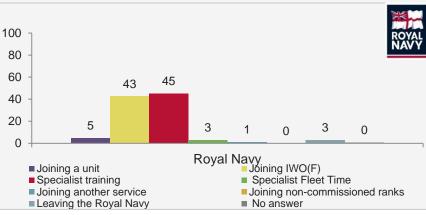
#### 72. On leaving [unit], what are you doing next?

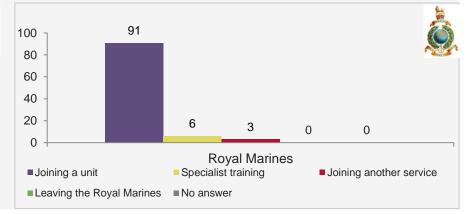
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#### **Current year results (%)**













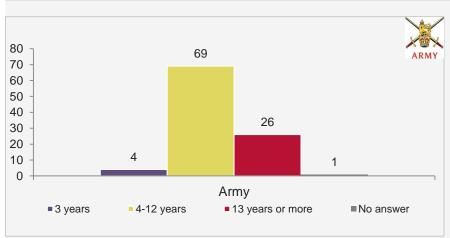
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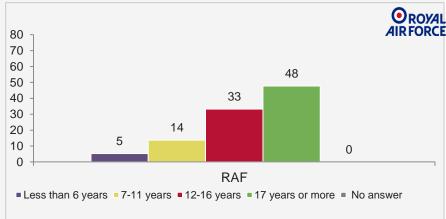
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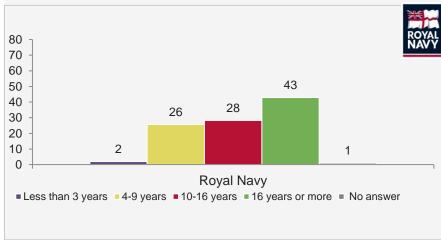
#### 78. How long do you intend to stay in the Service?

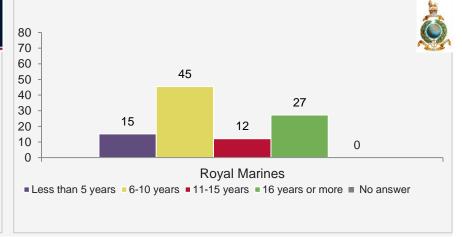
Number of respondents (all respondents who are not leaving the Service): Army (223), Royal Navy (198), RAF (436), Marines (33)

#### **Current year results (%)**











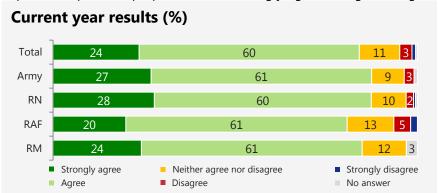


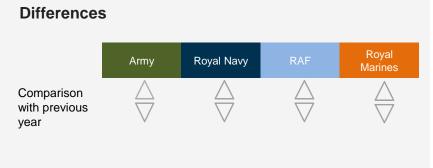
#### **Officer Cadets**

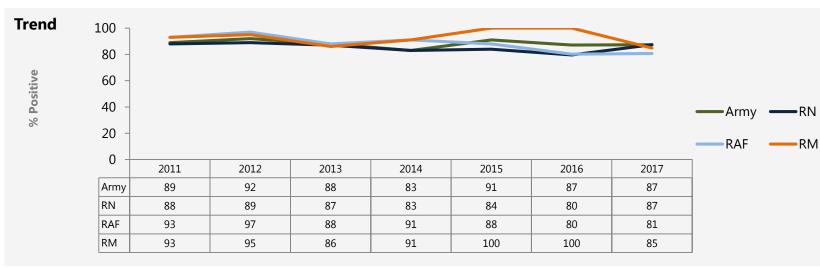
### 79. To what extent do you agree with the following statement? – I feel prepared to go on to the next stage of my career/training

Number of respondents (all respondents who are not leaving the Service): Total (890), Army (223), Royal Navy (198), RAF (436), Royal Marines (33)

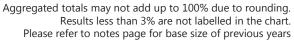
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## Respondent profiles





#### **Army Officer Cadets**



#### 11. Where are you from?, 12. What is your background, 13. Are you...? [religion]

Number of respondents (all respondents): Army (223) For 'Do you practise your faith/religion regularly?': (all Army respondents who have a faith/religion): 130









Demog1. What gender are you?, Demog2. How old are you?, Demog3. Which of the following applies to you [marital status], Demog4. Are you...? [sexual orientation]

Number of respondents (all respondents): Army (223)







#### SAMPLE PROFILE: MEMBERSHIP OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS AND PREVIOUS SERVICE



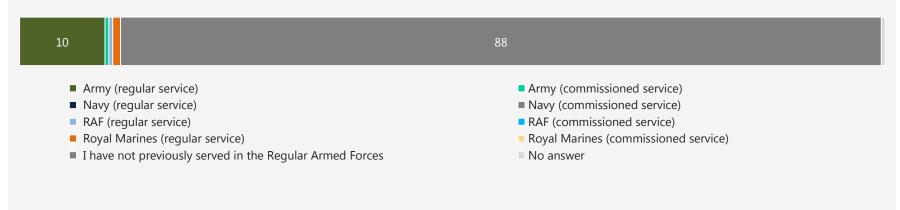
- 7. Prior to joining have you been a member of any of the following organisations for longer than 6 months?
- 8. Have you previously served in the Regular Armed Forces?

Number of respondents (all respondents): Army (223)

#### Membership of other organisations prior to joining the Service



#### **Previous Service in Armed Forces**





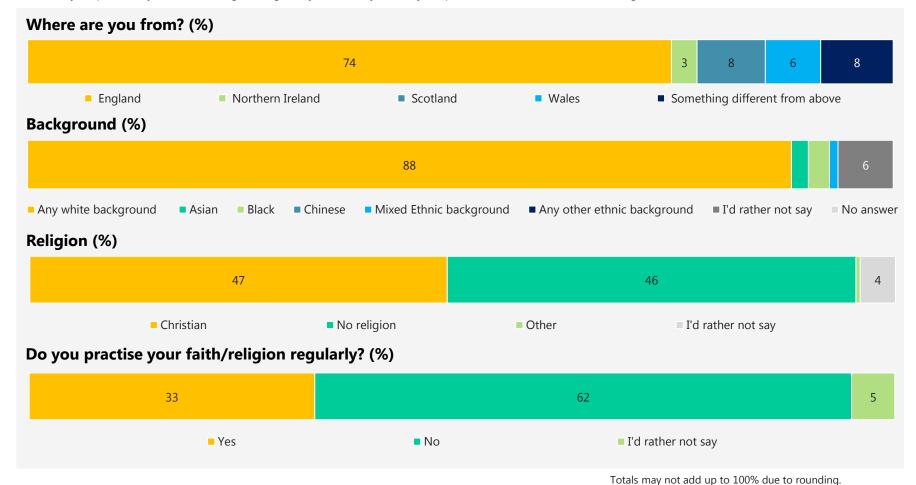


#### **Royal Navy Officer Cadets**



#### 11. Where are you from?, 12. What is your background?, 13. Are you...? [religion]

Number of respondents (all respondents): Royal Navy (204)
For 'Do you practise your faith/religion regularly?': (all Royal Navy respondents who have a faith/religion): 103









Demog1. What gender are you?, Demog2. How old are you?, Demog3. Which of the following applies to you [marital status], Demog4. Are you...? [sexual orientation]

Number of respondents (all respondents): Royal Navy (204)







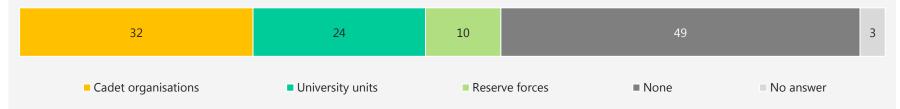
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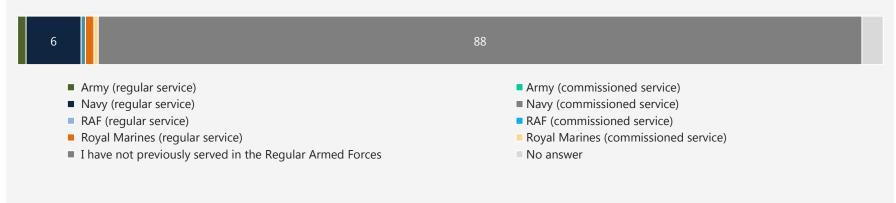
- 7. Prior to joining have you been a member of any of the following organisations for longer than 6 months?
- 8. Have you previously served in the Regular Armed Forces?

Number of respondents (all respondents): Royal Navy (204)

#### Membership of other organisations prior to joining the Service



#### **Previous Service in Armed Forces**



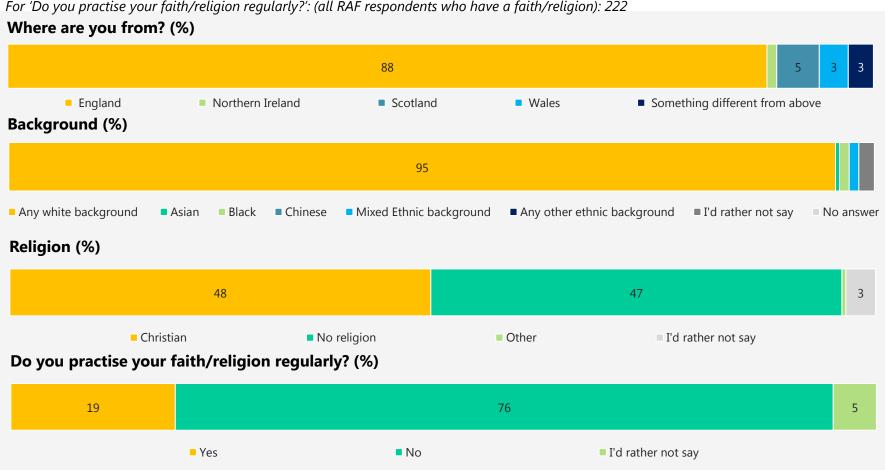






#### 11. Where are you from?, 12. What is your background?, 13. Are you...? [religion]

Number of respondents (all respondents): RAF (448) For 'Do you practise your faith/religion regularly?': (all RAF respondents who have a faith/religion): 222







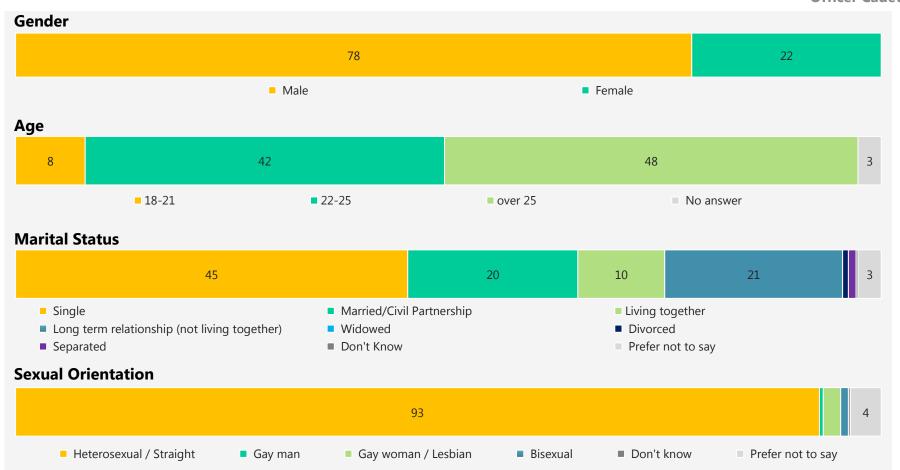
**RAF Officer Cadets** 



Demog1. What gender are you?, Demog2. How old are you?, Demog3. Which of the following applies to you [marital status], Demog4. Are you...? [sexual orientation]

Number of respondents (all respondents): RAF (448)

**Officer Cadets** 



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Totals may not add up to 100% due to rounding. Results less than 3% are not labelled in the chart.

#### SAMPLE PROFILE: MEMBERSHIP OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS AND PREVIOUS SERVICE



- 7. Prior to joining have you been a member of any of the following organisations for longer than 6 months?
- 8. Have you previously served in the Regular Armed Forces?

Number of respondents (all respondents): RAF (448)

#### Membership of other organisations prior to joining the Service



#### **Previous Service in Armed Forces**







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#### 11. Where are you from?, 12. What is your background?, 13. Are you...? [religion]

Number of respondents (all respondents): Royal Marines (33)
For 'Do you practise your faith/religion regularly?': (all Royal Marines who have a faith/religion): 17\*





Caution: low base

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### Demog1. What gender are you?, Demog2. How old are you?, Demog3. Which of the following applies to you [marital status], Demog4. Are you...? [sexual orientation]

Number of respondents (all respondents): Royal Marines (33)







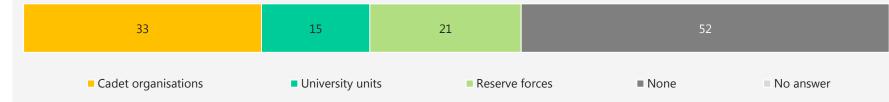
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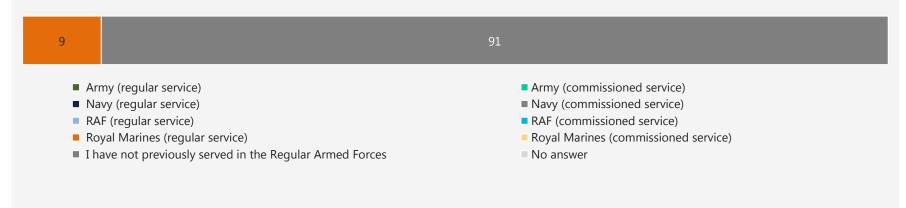
- 7. Prior to joining have you been a member of any of the following organisations for longer than 6 months?
- 8. Have you previously served in the Regular Armed Forces?

Number of respondents (all respondents): Royal Marines (33)

#### Membership of other organisations prior to joining the Service

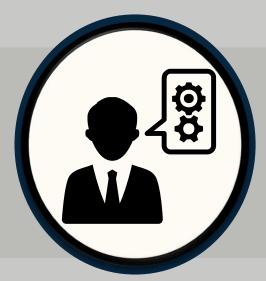


#### **Previous Service in Armed Forces**









# Annex A Statistical reliability





#### **ANNEX A: STATISTICAL RELIABILITY**

- Only a sample of the overall 'population' has been surveyed so we cannot be certain that the figures obtained
  are exactly those that would have been 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; if 10% or 90% of our sample of 908 officer cadets strongly agreed that the training was what they expected, we can be 99% confident that the 'true' value would be between 12.6% or 7.4% (if 10% strongly agree) and between 92.6% or 87.4% (if 90% strongly agree) i.e. a margin of 2.6% on each side.
- Similar margins for other percentages and sub-groups of the respondents are given in the following table. It should be remembered that the 'true' finding is much more likely to be towards the centre of the possible range of responses than towards the margins.
- For similar reasons, apparent differences in results relating to sub groups may, if small, not necessarily reflect genuine attitudinal differences. We can be 99% confident that differences exceeding those in the table on the next page are genuine or 'significant' differences.
- Please note confidence intervals in the table overleaf refer to questions where all respondents are asked. For routed questions where only a sub-set of respondents are asked (e.g. those who were ill or injured during training), confidence intervals will be larger.





#### ANNEX A: STATISTICAL RELIABILITY

#### 99% Confidence Intervals

	Confidence intervals if data point was recorded at													
Size of sample on which survey	10% or	20% or	30% or	40% or										
results are based	90%	80%	70%	60%	50%									
	±	±	±	±	±									
All Officer Cadets (908)	2.6	3.4	3.9	4.2	4.3									
Army officer cadets (223)	5.2	6.9	7.9	8.5	8.7									
Royal Navy officer cadets (204)	5.4	7.2	8.3	8.9	9.1									
RAF officer cadets (448)	3.7	4.9	5.6	6.0	6.1									
Royal Marines officer cadets (33)	13.7	18.2	20.9	22.3	22.8									

Source: Ipsos MORI







# Annex B Service Comparisons





- The following pages show significant differences between Services.
- A result is statistically significant if it is unlikely to have occurred by chance and it simply means there is statistical evidence of a difference between two figures; it does not mean the difference is necessarily large, important, or significant in the common meaning of the word. A statistical difference can still occur if the overall percentage remains the same due to the large base sizes included in the dataset.
- Please note the % is typically a top two box rating (e.g. 'very good' and 'good' or 'strongly agree' and 'agree'). At times it may be the combination of two other measures (e.g. 'all the time' and 'most of the time') or a simple 'yes' statement.





**Officer Cadets** 

Number of respondents (all respondents): Total (908), Army (223), Royal Navy (204), RAF (448), Marines (33)

		Ar	my			Royal	Navy			R/	A.F		Royal Marines				
	%	Higher than			%	% Higher than				Hi	gher th	an	%	Higher than			
PREPARING FOR TRAINING																	
Information prior to arrival: Prepared self for physical demands	82%	RN	-	-	66%	-	-	-	76%	-	RN	-	79%	-	-	-	
Information prior to arrival: Accurate picture of what life would be like	56%	-	-	-	46%	-	-	-	53%	-	-	-	52%	-	-	-	
Information prior to arrival: Accurate information about what training involved	72%	RN	-	-	58%	-	-	-	68%	-	-	-	73%	-	-	-	
Satisfaction with recruitment	42%	-	-	-	59%	Army	-	-	59%	Army	-	-	64%	-	-	-	
FACILITIES AND AMENITIES																	
Standard of living accommodation	55%	RN	-		35%	-	-	-	55%	-	RN	-	52%	-	-	-	
Sports facilities	91%	RN	-		73%	-	-	-	87%	-	RN	-	85%	-	-	-	
Opportunity for competitive sports	65%	-	RAF	RM	58%	-	RAF	RM	23%	-	-	-	9%	-	-	-	
Medical care	87%	-	-	-	84%	-	-	-	85%	-	-	-	88%	-	-	-	
Dental care	78%	RN	-	-	52%	-	-	-	80%	-	RN	-	82%	-	RN	-	
Access to IT for personal use	54%	-	-	-	80%	Army	-	RM	72%	Army	-	-	52%	-	-	-	
Internet access	70%	-	-		82%	Army	RAF	-	62%	-	-	-	79%	-	-	-	
Laundry facilities	14%	-	-	-	18%	-	-	-	19%	-	-	-	6%	-	-	-	
Personal kit	71%	-	-	-	76%	-	-	-	75%	-	-	-	58%	-	-	-	
Training facilities	88%	-	RAF	-	82%	-	-	-	78%	-	-	-	85%	-	-	-	
Food	61%	RN	RAF	-	17%	-	-	-	39%	-	RN	-	52%	-	RN	-	
IT support for software issues	26%	-	-	-	31%	-	-	-	25%	-	-	-	42%	-	-	-	
Access to gym in spare time	83%	RN	RAF	RM	71%	-	RAF	-	52%	-	-	-	64%	-	-	-	
Provision of free WiFi hotspots	74%	-	RAF	-	75%	-	RAF	-	8%	-	-	-	85%	-	-	RAF	
IT support for hardware issues	26%	-	-	-	29%	-	-	-	22%	-	-	-	42%	-	-	RAF	
Leisure and retail facilities	51%	RN	RAF	-	36%	-	RAF	-	23%	-	-	-	45%	-	-	RAF	
Whether given enough time to eat meals	72%	RN	-	RM	56%	-	-	-	70%	-	RN	RM	45%	-	-	-	
Given option to comment on meals	94%	RN	RAF	-	73%	-	-	-	81%	-	-	-	91%	-	-	-	





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	%	Hi	igher th	an	%	% Higher than			%	Hi	igher th	an	%	% Higher than			
SUPPORT																	
Had support required for learning need/difficulty*	87%	-	-	-	Low base				63%	-	-	-	Low base				
Opportunity to talk privately with training staff	87%	-	-	-	84%	-	-	-	84%	-	-	-	70%	-	-	-	
Opportunity to talk privately with Chaplains/Padre	83%	-	-	-	86%	-	-	-	78%	-	-	-	73%	-	-	-	
Opportunity to keep in contact with family/friends	71%	-	-	-	83%	Army	RAF	-	69%	-	-	-	67%	-	-	-	
Opportunity to practise your faith/religion*	64%	-	-	-	88%	-	RAF	-	38%	-	-	-	Low base				
Availability of staff for problems out of training hours	84%	RN	RAF	-	66%	-	-	-	70%	-	-	-	76%	-	-	-	
Someone to go to for personal or emotional problems	88%	-	-	-	83%	-	-	-	83%	-	-	-	76%	-	-	-	
Someone to help with administrative problems	38%	-	-	-	48%	-	RAF	-	35%	-	-	-	64%	Army	-	RAF	
Opportunity to raise all concerns with person in authority	81%	-	RAF	-	76%	-	-	-	71%	-	-	-	67%	-	-	-	
FAIRNESS																	
Awareness of how to complain about poor or unfair treatment or bullying	83%	-	-	-	87%	-	-	-	90%	-	-	-	76%	-	-	-	
Full knowledge of Service Complaints Ombudsman	31%	-	RAF	-	21%	-	-	-	18%	-	-	-	27%	-	-	-	
Whether believe complaints are dealt with in a fair manner	53%	-	-	-	44%	-	-	-	44%	-	-	-	52%	-	-	-	
Cadets were all treated fairly	64%	-	-	-	74%	-	-	-	65%	-	-	-	64%	-	-	-	
I was treated fairly	81%	-	-	-	91%	Army	-	-	87%	-	-	-	85%	-	-	-	
Training conducted without sexual or racial harassment	97%	-	-	-	96%	-	-	-	97%	-	-	-	94%	-	-	-	
Badly or unfairly treated by staff	8%	-	-	-	3%	-	-	-	7%	-	-	-	3%	-	-	-	
Badly or unfairly treated by other officer cadets	6%	-	-	-	5%	-	-	-	4%	-	-	-	3%	-	-	-	
Badly or unfairly treated by staff or other officer cadets	11%	-	-	-	6%	-	-	-	10%	-	-	-	6%	-	-	-	

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	%	% Higher than		% Higher than			%	Hi	igher th	an	%	Higher than					
SETBACKS DURING TRAINING																	
Injury was properly dealt with	85%	-	-	-	91%	-	RAF	-	77%	-	-	-	77%	-	-	-	
Staff helped and supported when ill/injured	74%	-	-	-	86%	-	-	-	76%	-	-	-	64%	-	-	-	
Would have felt comfortable to report sick*	79%	-	RAF	-	73%	-	RAF	-	53%	-	-	-	Low base				
Warned personally about possibility of repeating training *	Low base				96%	-	-	-	71%	-	-	-	Low base				
Given every opportunity to avoid repeating training *	Low base				38%	-	-	-	36%	-	-	-	Low base				
GENERAL																	
Overall satisfaction with training experience	80%	RN	RAF	-	62%	-	-	-	63%	-	-	-	70%	-	-	-	
Received regular feedback on performance	83%	RN	RAF	RM	65%	-	-	RM	66%	-	-	RM	39%	-	-	-	
Training objectives and aims were explained	91%	-	RAF	RM	83%	-	RAF	RM	73%	-	-	-	61%	-	-	-	
Staff/instructors did all they could to help succeed in training	84%	-	-	-	85%	-	-	-	77%	-	-	-	76%	-	-	-	
Felt personally benefited from the course	95%	-	RAF	-	94%	-	RAF	-	85%	-	-	-	100%	-	-	-	
Feel a sense of achievement	96%	-	RAF	-	95%	-	RAF	-	88%	-	-	-	100%	-	-	-	
Felt challenged	94%	-	RAF	-	90%	-	-	-	84%	-	-	-	100%	-	-	-	
Training was what expected	74%	-	RAF	-	64%	-	-	-	59%	-	-	-	85%	-	-	RAF	
Enjoyed the course	75%	-	-	-	77%	-	-	-	68%	-	-	-	79%	-	-	-	
Feel proud to be in the Navy/RM/Army/RAF	96%	-	-	-	89%	-	-	-	94%	-	-	-	97%	-	-	-	
Prepared to go onto next stage of career	87%	-	-	-	87%	-	-	-	81%	-	-	-	85%	-	-	-	
Would recommend joining Service to others	97%	-	-	-	94%	-	-	-	97%	-	-	-	91%	-	-	-	
Pay better than non-military friends'	32%	-	-	-	51%	Army	-	-	42%	-	-	-	27%	-	-	-	
Morale was good on my course	82%	-	-	-	75%	-	-	-	85%	-	RN	-	85%	-	-	-	

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