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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your email of 15 May 2018 in which you requested the following information:

'I am at present instructed in a case involving a former Naval Rating of the Logistics (Catering Services) (Delivery) (Submarine), Log(CS)(D)(SM) specialisation who was unfortunately was medically discharged.

In general terms, I hope that you might be able to provide statistical career data for Length of Service, percentage chance of promotion for ratings in the Logistics Branch and in particular those in Catering Services Delivery specialisation as outlined above, in the Submarine Service. In addition, if you are able to provide current strength and liability data for the Logistic Branch Submarine ratings or the specialisation indicated I would be grateful.'

Your enquiry is being treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

A search has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. However, the Department believes that some of the information you have requested falls within the scope of the exemption at Section 26 (Defence) of the Act. As the exemption under Section 26(1)(b) is a qualified exemption, the Department has conducted a public interest test and, after careful consideration, has concluded that, for the reasons outlined below, the Department has no obligation under the Act to disclose this information.

Under Section 26(1)(b), information is exempt if its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the capability, effectiveness or security of any relevant Armed Forces. The decision has been made to withhold the information you requested on the strength and liability of this specialisation as it has the potential to reveal operational capabilities and effectiveness of the Royal Navy.

The information to satisfy the other parts of your request on the percentage chance of reaching each length of Service and promotion in the Log(CS)(D)(SM) specialisation can be found within tables one and two of the attached Annex.

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

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely

Navy Command Secretariat – FOI Section

Logistics (Catering Services)(Delivery)(Submarine) Specialisation Career Information

**Table 1. The chance that a New Entrant RN Log (CS)(D) (SM) Rating will achieve each Length of Service (LOS) before exiting:**

Length of Service (years)	Chance of Completing length of service
0	78%
1	73%
2	69%
3	66%
4	59%
5	56%
6	53%
7	47%
8	44%
9	42%
10	42%
11	40%
12	37%
13	34%
14	34%
15	32%
16	32%
17	32%
18	30%
19	29%
20	28%
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22	19%
23	16%
24	14%
25	13%
26	11%
27	9%
28	6%
29	4%
30	4%
31	4%
32	0%
33	0%
34	0%
35	0%
36	0%
37	0%
38	0%
39	0%
40	0%

Source: Defence Statistics (Navy)

**Table 2. Chance of promotion for a New Entrant RN Log (CS)(D)(SM) Rating:**

Rank		Chance of Promotion to rank
OR-4	Leading Hand	32%
OR-6	Petty Officer	20%
OR-7	Chief Petty Officer	11%
OR-9	Warrant Officer 1	2%

Source: Defence Statistics (Navy)

Notes

1. Due to small population sizes in the source data for the group selected, caution should be taken when interpreting these statistics.
2. Expected LOS in Table 1 is calculated by using the averages of historic data and represents full years of completed service.
3. Averages are produced using the time period 1 April 2010 – 31 March 2017.
4. Exiting denotes anything that results in an ending of Regular service eg time expiry, voluntary outflow, death etc.