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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 24 July 2017 in which you requested the following information:

'Could you please provide me with the following information regarding Doctors within the Royal Army Medical Corps (RAMC).

- 1. What are the chances of survival from 0 to 34 years for Doctors in the RAMC?*
- 2. What are the chances of promotion for Doctors in the RAMC to each rank from Capt to Brigadier?*
- 3. What are the average rates of progression for Doctors in the RAMC to each rank from Capt to Brigadier?*
- 4. What is the current establishment and strength for RAMC Doctors at each rank from Capt to Brigadier?'*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD), and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held.

In respect to your first question above, we do not hold information regarding the chances of survival of Doctors in the Royal Army Medical Corps (RAMC) from 0 – 34 years. I am also able to confirm that information in scope of your second and third questions has not been compiled and is therefore not held by the Department. While the MOD holds recent information on the number of total personnel promoted from each rank and trade it does not process this data further to produce a forecast of likelihood or average rate of promotion. To produce the information based on the data held would require significant data manipulation requiring complex analysis and judgement to the extent that it can be considered 'new' information which is not currently held.

Information regarding the current establishment and strength for RAMC Medical Officers (MO) at each rank from Capt to Brigadier, as requested in your fourth question is shown in the following tables:

RAMC MO	Current Establishment
Captain	91
Major	291
Lieutenant Colonel	208
Colonel	58
Brigadier	4
TOTAL	652

Please note that:

- Figures correct as at 1 June 2017
- The current establishment is taken from Army Manpower Planning Liability 16.5. There are no other ratified liability sources.
- This accounts for all RAMC Professionally Qualified Officers (PQO) including RAMC MOs and RAMC Allied Health Professionals (AHP).
- There are 10 (rounded) Trained Doctors who are in Command & Staff appointments. They are not accounted for against the RAMC (PQO) establishment, but are nevertheless doctors.
- Please note that these figures are single service estimates only and are not official statistics produced by Defence Statistics.

RAMC MO	Strength
Captain	90
Major	260
Lieutenant Colonel	110
Colonel	50
Brigadier	10
TOTAL	520


Please note that:

- Figures correct as at 1 June 2017
- There are 10 (rounded) Trained Doctors who are in Command & Staff appointments. They are not accounted for against the RAMC (PQO) establishment, but are nevertheless doctors.
- Figures have been rounded to 10; numbers ending in "5" have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent systematic bias.
- Please note that these figures are single service estimates only and are not official statistics produced by Defence Statistics.

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Yours sincerely,


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