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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 16 August 2018 requesting the following information:

“statistics regarding the RAF Flight Medical Officer (for a female) new entrant and (male and female combined) specifically:

- 1. The percentage chance of reaching further service in this branch for new entrants*
- 2. The percentage chance of promotion to further ranks and average LoS on promotion to these ranks. As previously could you also provide the percentage chance of promotion between ranks having already achieved the previous rank.*
- 3. The average length of service in this branch for a new entrant.”*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The information you have requested can be found in the Adobe (.pdf) file attached to the email.

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). 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,

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Would you like to be added to our contact list so we can consult with you if we are thinking about making any changes to the statistics we compile? Please register your interest by e-mailing DefStrat-Stat-Air@mod.gov.uk.

Career Projection for a Female New Entrant and all New Entrants in the Medical Branch

LoS ¹	% chance of reaching LoS	
	Female only	Male and Female
0	97%	99%
1	96%	97%
2	89%	94%
3	79%	87%
4	73%	84%
5	72%	81%
6	66%	73%
7	59%	71%
8	52%	67%
9	52%	65%
10	50%	62%
11	46%	58%
12	45%	55%
13	44%	53%
14	44%	50%
15	38%	48%
16	33%	42%
17	25%	36%
18	21%	30%
19	16%	25%
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26	10%	10%
27	10%	8%
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29	10%	7%
30	10%	6%
31	10%	6%
32	10%	6%
33	10%	6%
34	10%	5%
35	0%	2%
36	0%	1%
37	0%	1%
38	0%	1%
39	0%	0%
40	0%	0%

	% chance of a New Entrant being promoted to subsequent ranks		% chance of promotion into rank, having already achieved the preceding rank ²		Average total length of service on promotion into rank	
	Female only	Male and Female	Female only	Male and Female	Female only	Male and Female
PLT OFF/FG OFF	100%	100%				
FLT LT	94%	97%	94%	97%	2 years 4 months	2 years 9 months
SQN LDR	70%	82%	71%	79%	6 years 2 months	5 years 2 months
WG CDR	33%	49%	47%	59%	12 years 2 months	11 years 2 months
GP CAPT	0%	8%	0%	17%	N/A	22 years 1 months
AIR CDRE +	0%	2%	0%	24%	N/A	22 years 8 months

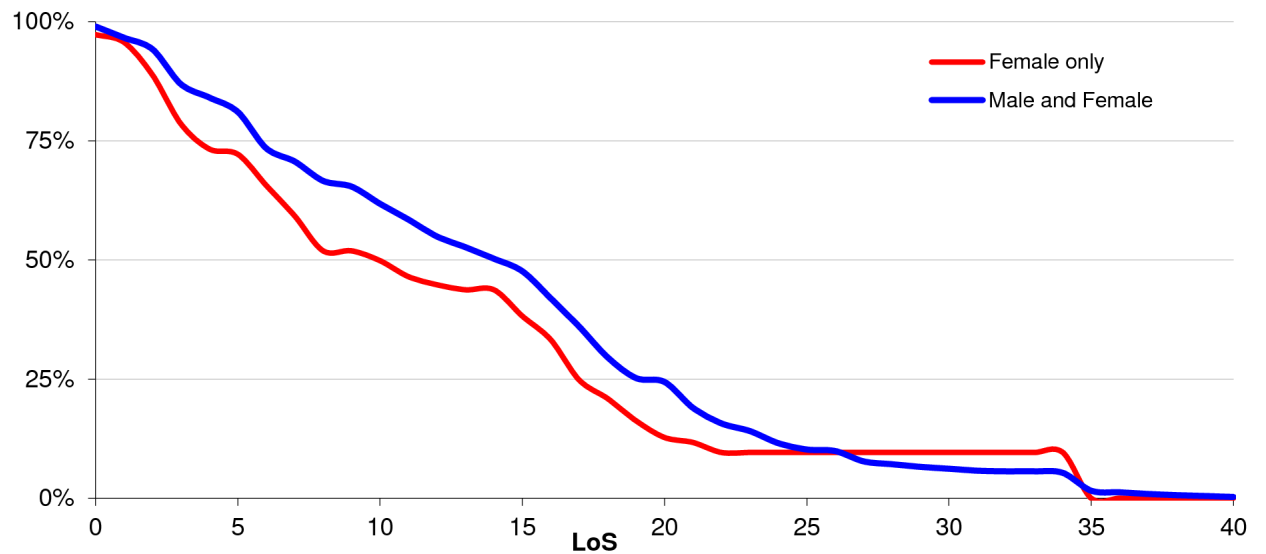
Female only Average Return of Service³

9 years 9 months

Male and Female Average Return of Service³

15 years 4 months

Survival Curve



¹ LoS 'x' means 'LoS greater than or equal to x but less than x+1'. So 'LoS21', for example, is the chance of personnel serving more than or equal to 21 years but less than 22 years.

² Chance of promotion having already achieved the preceding rank considers the branch as a whole and is not specific to LoS.

³ Average Return of Service is the average length of service on exit. It considers the branch as a whole and is not specific to rank or LoS.

Notes:

a. These data are based on the seven year span of actual data 2011/12 – 2017/18. By considering a cohort of individuals with the similar characteristics - **New Entrants** into the **Medical** branch - average career projections have been calculated.

b. Defence Statistics' career forecasts are not based on the actual experience of any one individual, but rather are based on the historical behaviour of individuals with similar characteristics.