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Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 2 January 2020 in which you requested the following information:

'1) The percentage of male and female officers in each service branch in the Royal Navy (including the Royal Marines) as of 1st April 2019 (or most recent available date).

2) The percentage of male and female other ranks in each service branch in the Royal Navy (including the Royal Marines) as of 1st April 2019 (or most recent available date).

Could you provide the data in the format as of  
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FOI2019/11993/13/04'

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with 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 and can be found at Annex A to this letter.

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

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**Q1. The Percentage of Male and Female Officers in each Service Branch in the Royal Navy (including the Royal Marines) as of 1st April 2019 (or most recent available date).**

Table 1. Percentage Male and Female Trained Regular Royal Navy/Royal Marines Officers by Branch, as at 1 October 2019:

Branch	% Males	% Female
<b>Total</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>11%</b>
RN Chaplain	> 90%	< 10%
RN Engineer	91%	9%
RN Logistics	73%	27%
RN Medical	66%	34%
RN Warfare	91%	9%
Royal Marines Band Service	100%	-
Royal Marines General Service	100%	-

Source: Defence Statistics (Navy)

**Q2. The Percentage of Male and Female Other Ranks in each Service Branch in the Royal Navy (including the Royal Marines) as of 1st April 2019 (or most recent available date).**

Table 2. Percentage Male and Female Trained Regular Royal Navy/Royal Marines Other Ranks by Branch, as at 1 October 2019.

Branch	% Males	% Females
<b>Total</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>9%</b>
RN Engineer Fleet Air Arm	94%	6%
RN Engineer General Service	94%	6%
RN Engineer Submariner	> 99%	< 1%
RN Logistics	73%	27%
RN Medical	55%	45%
RN Warfare Fleet Air Arm	93%	7%
RN Warfare General Service	89%	11%
RN Warfare Submarine	99%	1%
Royal Marines Band Service	71%	29%
Royal Marines General Service	100%	-

Source: Defence Statistics (Navy)

1. "-" represents zero people.
2. Where the male or female population is less than or equal to five, percentages are shown as greater than (>) and less than (<) for disclosure control. Greater than 90% indicates that the percentage is between 90.0% and 100%.