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20 January 2020

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your correspondence of 1 January 2020 requesting the following information:

"1) The percentage of male and female officers in each service branch in the Royal Air Force 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 e Royal Air Force as of 1st April 2019 (or most recent available date).

*Could you provide the data in the format as of
https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.whatdotheyknow.com%2Frequest%2Fpercentage_of_males_and_females%3Fpost_redirect%3D1&data=02%7C01%7Ccio-foi%40mod.gov.uk%7Ca3b62a3eeeff4d886e7708d78e767386%7Cbe7760ed5953484bae95d0a16dfa09e5%7C0%7C1%7C637134511712814312&sdata=IOaHPgjNezc01PeDLpKCq42TJTbnBT0211TczM6H0H8%3D&reserved=0 or FOI2019/11993/13/04 ?"*

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

A table containing the percentage split of male and female Officers and Other Ranks in the RAF as of the 1st October 2019, is attached at Annex A.

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

If you are not satisfied with this response or wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for 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 must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the

MOD internal process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

[Original signed]

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Enc: Annex A

Percentage split between male and female Trained Regular¹ RAF Officers and Other Ranks as at 1 October 2019

	% Males	% Females
Total Trained Officers	82%	18%
Flying Branch	96%	4%
Air Operations	77%	23%
Intelligence	78%	22%
Regiment	100%	0%
Provost Security	82%	18%
Engineer	89%	11%
Logistics	75%	25%
Personnel	63%	37%
Medical	65%	35%
Medical Support	48%	52%
Princess Mary's RAF Nursing Service	35%	65%
Dental	59%	41%
Chaplain	85%	15%
Legal	55%	45%
Music	100%	0%
Total Trained Other Ranks	86%	14%
Trade Group 1 (Aircraft Engineering - Avionics, Mechanical & Weapons)	96%	4%
Trade Group 4 (Communications Information Systems)	93%	7%
Trade Group 5 (General Engineering - Electrical & Mechanical)	97%	3%
Trade Group 6 (Drivers)	88%	12%
Trade Group 7 (Non Commissioned Controllers)	81%	19%
Trade Group 8 (Police, Gunners & Firefighters)	91%	9%
Trade Group 10 (Physical Training)	84%	16%
Trade Group 11 (Intelligence Analysts)	79%	21%
Trade Group 13 (Survival Equipment Fitters)	90%	10%
Trade Group 14 (Photographers & Air Cartographers)	73%	27%
Trade Group 15 (Medical)	39%	61%
Trade Group 17 (Personnel Administration)	49%	51%
Trade Group 18 (Logistics)	88%	12%
Trade Group 19 (Catering - Chefs & Mess Management)	64%	36%
Trade Group 21 (Musician)	65%	35%
Non Commissioned Aircrew	95%	5%

¹ Strength includes all trained regular personnel and excludes Full Time Reserve Service personnel, volunteer reserves and mobilised reservists.