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Section 40  
[Redacted]

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Dear [Redacted],

Thank you for your email of 25 January 2020 requesting the following information:

“Have all members of Trade Group 1 of the Royal Air Force been offered Level 3 Engineering Technician apprenticeships since the amalgamation of Trade Groups 1 and 2 on 1st April 2003?”

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 information in scope of your request is held.

Since the amalgamation of TGs 1 and 2, not all members of Trade Group (TG) 1, have been offered a Level 3 Engineering Technician apprenticeship.

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) you may find it useful to know that it is Ministry of Defence (MoD) policy to offer all service personnel the opportunity to attain a level 2 apprenticeship, or equivalent qualification for their relevant roles. Level 3 apprenticeships are provided to those who are within Aircraft Maintenance Mechanic (AMM) roles, who meet specified criteria, to attain the role of a specialist technician.

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](mailto: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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