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Dear

Thank you for your email of 06 January in which you requested the following information:

Can you please send me whatever evidence you have to show that Junior Entry enlistees are more likely than their adult counterparts to be promoted through the ranks?

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. However, it is exempt from release under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), because it is reasonably accessible to you by other means. The Junior Entry Review was conducted in 2018 which includes a section on Junior Entry promotion rates based on a cohort of serving soldiers at the time. The report can be found in the House of Commons Library, reference number DEP2019-0931. I have also inserted a quick link <u>here</u>.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance. Following this, 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 <u>CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk</u>). 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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