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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 31 January 2020 requesting the following information:

"I would be grateful if you could provide statistics regarding the RAF SNCO ATC trade, specifically:

- 1. The percentage chance of reaching further service for a male in the rank of Flt Sgt with 27 and 30 years' service.*
- 2. The percentage chance of promotion from the rank of Flt Sgt with 16 years' service to further ranks and average LoS on promotion to these ranks.*
- 3. In a separate table - the percentage chance of promotion from the rank of Flt Sgt with 27 years' service to further ranks and average LoS on promotion to these ranks.*
- 4. The average Return of Service in this Branch."*

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 Projections for *Male* Flight Sergeants with 16 years, 27 years and 30 years Lengths of Service in the Non-Commissioned Controller Trade

LoS ¹	% chance of reaching LoS for a <i>male</i>	
	FS with 27yrs LoS	FS with 30yrs LoS
27	100%	
28	90%	
29	86%	
30	77%	100%
31	68%	83%
32	68%	83%
33	59%	69%
34	53%	60%
35	47%	52%
36	39%	43%
37	29%	31%
38	18%	21%
39	4%	2%
40	2%	2%

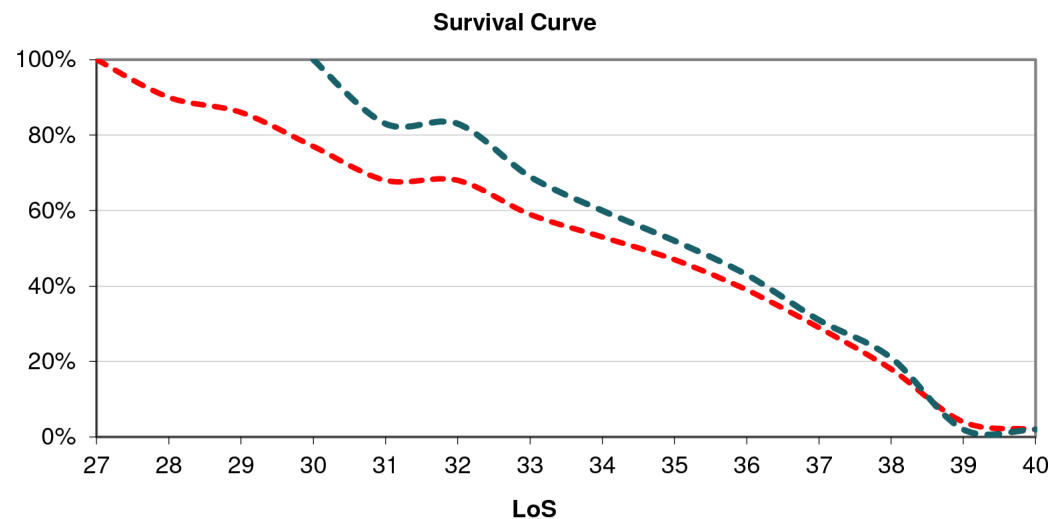
	% chance of a <i>male</i> promoted to subsequent ranks for a....		Average total length of service on promotion in to rank for a <i>male</i>	
	FS with 16yrs LoS	FS with 27yrs LoS	FS with 16yrs LoS	FS with 27yrs LoS
FS	100%	100%		
WO	71%	39%	20 years 6 months	29 years 6 months

Average Return of Service³ 24 years 5 months

¹ 'LoS x' means 'LoS greater than or equal to x but less than x+1'. So 'LoS31', for example, is the chance of personnel serving more than or equal to 31 years but less than 32 years.

² 'Chance of promotion in to rank, having already achieved the preceding rank' considers the trade as a whole and is not specific to LoS. It is based on trained and untrained personnel within the trade.

³ 'Average Return of Service' is the average length of service on exit. It considers trained and untrained *male* personnel within the trade and is not specific to rank or LoS.



Notes:

- a. These data are based on the seven year span of actual data 2012/13 – 2018/19. By considering a cohort of individuals with the similar characteristics - Male FSs in the NCC trade with 16yrs LoS, 27yrs LoS and 30yrs LoS - average career projections have been calculated.
- b. As of 01 April 2018, SNCO Air Traffic Controllers and SNCO Weapons Controllers were amalgamated into a new single Non-Commissioned Controller trade. These figures include projections for personnel in all three of these trades.
- c. 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.