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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 9 June 2020 requesting the following information:

For each branch/trade of the RAF can I have;

1. The trained regular strength broken down by rank;
2. The average total length of service on promotion;
3. The average age on promotion
4. A demographic breakdown by rank and age
5. A demographic breakdown by rank and length of service

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 all the information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested falls entirely under Section 21 (information reasonably accessible to applicant by other means) of the FOI Act. This information is already in the public domain and can be found at the following link:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/890932/FOI2020.01215.pdf

Under Section 16 of the Act it is the Department's duty to provide advice and assistance to requestors. Consequently, you may find it helpful to note that the information requested is available in Tables 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 of the link above.

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

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Yours sincerely,

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