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Officer Cadet Survey - Cover Note 2019/20

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The statistical release found separately provides results from the Officer Cadet Survey (OCS) 2019/20. The OCS is administered to four of the Armed Services initial officer training colleges to gauge officer cadets' background, perceptions of training, facilities and food, support, fairness of treatment, general perceptions of the course and hopes for the future. The data is used to inform colleges on their performance, and to compare results with required standards set by the MOD.

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Background quality report: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/officer-cadet-survey>

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Methodology

All officer cadets who have completed at least two weeks training were invited to participate in the survey. Participants complete an anonymous and confidential online questionnaire.

The survey was carried out over a 12-month survey period (1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020). During this time, there were 865 responses to the questionnaire. Overall, 416 RAF officer cadets, 116 Army officer cadets, 305 Navy officer cadets and 28 RM officer cadets completed the survey.

The overall response rate for all four colleges in 2019/20 was 61% compared with 76% in 2018/19.

There have been small changes in the respondent profile in terms of age and gender. The data is not weighted to take account of non-response.

Totals may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

A detailed explanation of the statistical reliability of this survey is found in Annex A of the main report, however it should be noted that due to non-response we cannot be certain that the figures obtained are exactly those we would have found, had everybody been interviewed (the 'true' values).

For any percentage given 'confidence intervals' within which the true values are likely to fall are estimated. For example; if 10% or 90% of our sample of 865 officer cadets strongly agreed that the training was what they expected, we can be 99% confident that the 'true' value would be between 10.2% or 9.2% (if 10% strongly agree) and between 90.8% or 89.2% (if 90% strongly agree) i.e. a margin of 0.8% on each side.

Table 1: Response rates

	2019/20 Total Responses	2018/19 response rate	2018/19 response rate	2017/16 response rate
Army	116	476	223	77
Navy	305	249	204	75
RAF	416	412	448	79
Royal Marines	28	28	33	50
Total	865	1,165	908	76

Further Information

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