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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 16 September 2020 requesting the following information:

I should be grateful if you would provide statistics regarding the RAF Personnel Support Branch, specifically:

- 1. The percentage chance of reaching further service for a male in the rank of Wg Cdr with 17 and 18 years service.*
- 2. The percentage chance of promotion from the rank of Wg Cdr (with 17 and 18 years service) to further ranks and average LoS on promotion to these ranks. Would you please also provide the percentage chance of promotion between ranks having already achieved the previous rank?*

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.

On 1 February 2016, the Personnel Branch was divided into Support and Training specialisations. As the seven year span of data used to generate this projection covers the single branch and the subsequent division into these separate branch specialisations, the attached data pertains to the Personnel Branch as a whole.

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,

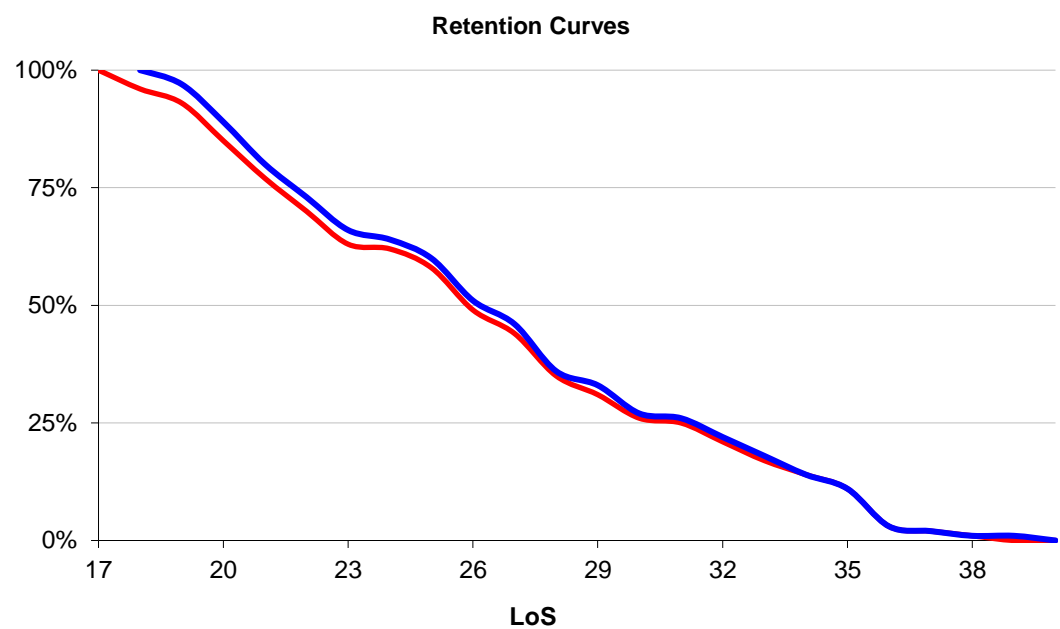
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Would you like to be added to our contact list so we can consult with you if we are thinking about making any changes to the statistics we compile? Please register your interest by e-mailing analysis-air@mod.uk

Career Projection for a *male* Wing Commander in the Personnel branch with 17 and 18 years length of service

LoS ¹	% chance of reaching LoS for <i>male</i> Wg Cdr with 17yrs LoS	% chance of reaching LoS for <i>male</i> Wg Cdr with 18yrs LoS
17	100%	
18	96%	100%
19	93%	97%
20	85%	89%
21	77%	80%
22	70%	73%
23	63%	66%
24	62%	64%
25	58%	60%
26	49%	51%
27	44%	46%
28	35%	36%
29	31%	33%
30	26%	27%
31	25%	26%
32	21%	22%
33	17%	18%
34	14%	14%
35	11%	11%
36	3%	3%
37	2%	2%
38	1%	1%
39	0%	1%
40	0%	0%

	% chance of <i>male</i> Wg Cdr being promoted in to rank with ...		% chance of promotion into rank, having already achieved the preceding rank ²	Average (mean) total length of service on promotion in to rank for a <i>male</i> Wg Cdr with....	
	17 yrs LoS	18 yrs LoS		17 yrs LoS	18 yrs LoS
WG CDR	100%	100%			
GP CAPT	22%	23%	20%	23 years 2 months	23 years 2 months
AIR CDRE +	8%	8%	34%	26 years 11 months	26 years 11 months



¹LoS x' means 'LoS greater than or equal to x but less than x+1'. So 'LoS21', for example, is the chance of personnel serving more than or equal to 21 years but less than 22 years.

²'Chance of promotion having already achieved the preceding rank' considers all *male* personnel in the branch and is not specific to LoS. It is based on trained and untrained *male* personnel within the branch.

Notes:

- These data are based on the seven year span of actual data 2013/14 – 2019/20. By considering a cohort of individuals with the similar characteristics - **Wg Cdrs** with **17 and 18 years** length of service into the **Personnel** branch - average career projections have been calculated.
- 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.