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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your correspondence of 22 May requesting the following information:

*How many Air Traffic Controllers in the Royal Air Force applied for Flexible Service in the first round of Applications 1-5 Apr 19.  
How many of these applications were approved?  
How many of the approved applications were for people in actual air traffic controlling jobs (and not covering admin based jobs) ?*

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 (MOD) and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held.

The number of Air Traffic Controllers (Officers and Airmen) who have applied for Flexible Service in the first round of applications 1-5 April 2019 is fewer than five. Of those applications none were approved.

In accordance with the Data Protection Act and our obligations in relation to the protection of confidentiality when handling personal data, data have been rounded.

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Yours sincerely,

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