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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail of the 28 October 2019 requesting the following information;

For RAF regiment Gunner trade, the latest available new entrant (male) length of service and promotion (average total length of service on promotion, chance of being promoted to subsequent ranks) statistics.

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 and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

The information that you have requested is attached at Annex A.

If you are not satisfied with this response or wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact us in the first instance at the address above. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for 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 must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Yours sincerely

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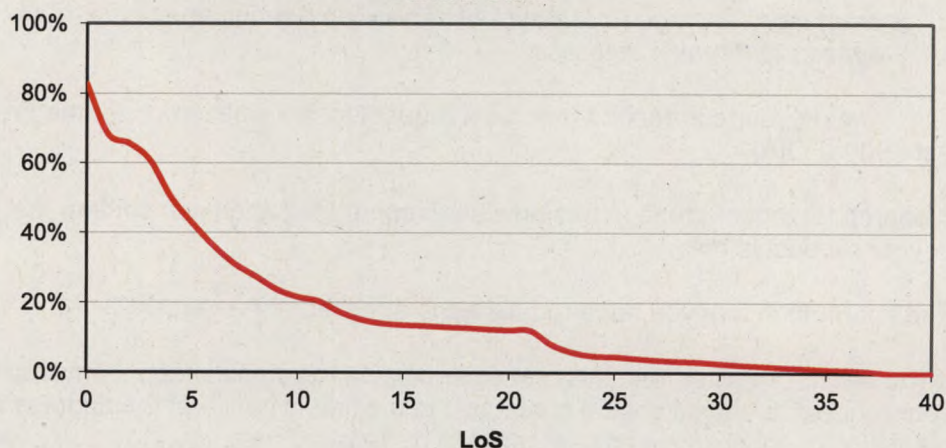
Enc: Annex A

Career Projection for a Male New Entrant in the Gunner trade

LoS ¹	% chance of reaching LoS
0	83%
1	68%
2	66%
3	61%
4	50%
5	43%
6	36%
7	31%
8	28%
9	24%
10	22%
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32	2%
33	2%
34	2%
35	1%
36	1%
37	1%
38	0%
39	0%
40	0%

	% chance of being promoted in to rank	% chance of promotion in to rank, having already achieved the preceding rank ²	Average total length of service on promotion in to rank
AC/LAC	100%		
SAC	66%	66%	1 years 3 months
LCPL	26%	39%	6 years 1 month
CPL	19%	68%	8 years 7 months
SGT	8%	41%	13 years 10 months
FS	5%	59%	21 years 0 months
WO	2%	35%	27 years 8 months

Survival Curve



¹ 'LoS 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 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.

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 New Entrants** in the **Gnr** trade - average career projections have been calculated.

b. 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.