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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your e-mail of 27 February 2021 in which you requested the following information:

"I wonder if you might be able to help me with a matter I am dealing with at the moment regarding the impact of Covid-19 and the RAF. Specifically, I seek updated information regarding any change in outflow of personnel due to the pandemic. Are you able to advise of the rates of outflow in terms of numbers and % of total, by rank Flt Lt to Gp Capt for Aircrew and Engineering officers for 2018/ 2019 and 2020?"

Is it possible to receive a copy of the 2020 Annual Compendium – my apologies if it is available on-line as I was unable to find it.

Are you also able to provide an outline of the planned start dates for the modularised IOT courses from August 2020 planned through as far as possible into the future (2023 if at all possible) recognising that they are subject to change."

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.

Please see below information as listed against each of your numbered questions:

Please find below the response to Question 1, and accompanying footnotes, for rates of outflow:

	Outflow Total (12 month ending) ¹			Outflow Rate ^{1,2,3}		
	31/12/2018	31/12/2019	31/12/2020	31/12/2018	31/12/2019	31/12/2020
PILOTS						
Gp Capt	~	~	10	5.6%	4.3%	10.4%
Wg Cdr	10	10	20	7.3%	6.7%	9.2%
Sqn Ldr	30	30	30	8.5%	9.3%	8.3%

Flt Lt	60	70	50	6.1%	7.9%	5.4%
WEAPON SYSTEMS OFFICER (WSO)						
Gp Capt	~	~	~	8.3%	8.8%	8.9%
Wg Cdr	10	10	~	7.9%	9.2%	6.1%
Sqn Ldr	20	20	10	11.3%	7.6%	4.3%
Flt Lt	10	10	10	7.5%	7.4%	4.4%
ENGINEERS						
Gp Capt	~	~	~	10.3%	8.3%	10.6%
Wg Cdr	10	10	10	6.3%	8.5%	9.3%
Sqn Ldr	20	30	40	6.3%	5.0%	6.6%
Flt Lt	10	20	10	3.9%	6.7%	2.7%

1. The figures have been rounded to the nearest 10, though numbers ending in a '5' have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent the systematic bias caused by always rounding numbers upwards. For example, a value of '25' would be rounded down to '20' and a value of '15' would be rounded up to '20'. Percentages are calculated from unrounded data and presented to one decimal place.

2. Outflow Rate reflects outflow to Civil Life from trained regular strength. For the exits since 1 April 2019 it includes transfers to another Service. It does not include movements within the Regular strength, Rank to Officer promotions or remusters.

3. Rates are 12 month rolling averages (ie. using 12 months of outflow data) and are calculated using a 13-month average strength.

Please find below the response to Question 2 requesting a copy of the 2020 Annual Compendium:

The information you have requested falls entirely under Section 21 (information reasonably accessible to applicant by other means) of FOIA. 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/964979/FOI2021.00677.pdf

Please find below the response to Question 3 regarding Modular Initial Officer Training Courses (MIOTC):

Course No:	Arrival Date: (Sunday)	Course No:	Arrival Date: (Sunday)	Course No:	Arrival Date: (Sunday)
MIOTC 1	16-Aug-20	MIOTC 10	26-Sep-21	MIOTC 19	06-Nov-22
MIOTC 2	27-Sep-20	MIOTC 11	07-Nov-21	MIOTC 20	01-Jan-23
MIOTC 3	08-Nov-20	MIOTC 12	02-Jan-22	MIOTC 21	12-Feb-23
MIOTC 4	03-Jan-21	MIOTC 13	13-Feb-22	MIOTC 22	26-Mar-23
MIOTC 5	14-Feb-21	MIOTC 14	27-Mar-22	MIOTC 23	07-May-23
MIOTC 6	28-Mar-21	MIOTC 15	08-May-22	MIOTC 24	18-Jun-23
MIOTC 7	09-May-21	MIOTC 16	19-Jun-22	MIOTC 25	13-Aug-23

MIOTC 8	20-Jun-21	MIOTC 17	14-Aug-22	MIOTC 26	24-Sep-23
MIOTC 9	15-Aug-21	MIOTC 18	25-Sep-22	MIOTC 27	05-Nov-23

Please note that these dates are subject to change.

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

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 me in the first instance. 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,

Air Command Secretariat