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Officer Cadet Survey - Cover Note 2022/23

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The statistical release found separately provides results from the Officer Cadet Survey (OCS) 2022/23. 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 should be given the opportunity to participate in the survey. Participants complete an anonymous and confidential online questionnaire.

The survey was carried out over a 12-month survey period (1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023). During this time, there were 937 responses to the questionnaire. The overall response rate was 67% for all four colleges in 2022/23 was compared with 55% in 2021/22.

A detailed explanation of the statistical reliability of this survey is found in page 25 of the executive summary, 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 participated in the survey (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 414 Army officer cadets strongly agreed that the training was what they expected, we can be 99% confident that the 'true' value would be between 12.1% or 7.9% (if 10% strongly agree) and between 92.1% or 87.9% (if 90% strongly agree) i.e. a margin of 2.1% on each side. Confidence levels for each Phase, Service and response frequencies are shown at page 26 of the Executive Summary.

Table 1: Response rates

| | Total Responses 21/22 | Total Responses 22/23 | Response Rate 21/22 | Response Rate 22/23 |
|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| All Services | 1066 | 937 | 55% | 67% |
| Army | 476 | 414 | 49% | 70% |
| Royal Navy | 182 | 180 | 51% | 55% |
| Royal Marines* | 32 | 24 | 55% | 43% |
| Royal Air Force | 376 | 319 | 69% | 75% |

* In 2022/23 the Officer Cadet Survey was completed by 24 Royal Marine Cadets, data have not been reported for this Service as this falls below the minimum threshold of 30

Statistical Testing

Results of statistical testing are reported in the Executive Summary. Comparisons have been reported where the year-on-year differences between 20/21 and 21/22 were found to be statistically significant and therefore likely to reflect true shifts in perceptions or attitudes. These are the only significant differences flagged.

Further Information

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