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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail of 29 August 2023 in which you requested the following information:

*I would like the information on what the mental health medical requirements are for inter service transfers into the RAF from the Royal Navy as a WSOp.*

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.

In addition to the policy in Joint Service Publication 950 Leaflet 6-7-7, Air Publication 3391 outlines the specific medical requirements for the role of Weapons System Operator (WSOp). An extract from this document explaining the medical conditions that would preclude entry to the role of WSOp is below:

- a. *Significant affective / mood disorders defined as any requirement for psychotropic medication (ie a drug affecting a candidate's mental state), psychological therapy or secondary care referral,*
- b. *Significant anxiety disorder causing functional impairment of normal activities (eg times off work or school; social withdrawal; and substance misuse) and or use of medication.*
- c. *Personality disorder.*
- d. *Eating disorder.*
- e. *Self-harm.*
- f. *Bipolar affective disorder.*

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

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Yours sincerely,

*[Electronically signed]*

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