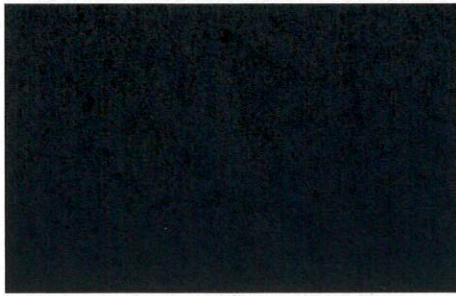




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Dear [REDACTED],

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 16 March 2020 in which you requested the following information:

'For a Royal Marines Medical Assistant (RMMA) SQ with 4 years service:

1. Length of service statistics - up to 35 years
2. Promotion statistics - up to WO1
3. Number of RMORs General Service on extended contracts by rank and age - latest data available'

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

A search has been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held and is attached at Annex A to this letter where each part of your request is addressed in order.

The analysis in Tables 1, 2 and 3 has been provided for a Royal Marine Medical Assistant (RM MA) with a length of service (LOS) of 4 years. The data provided for the chances of survival and chances of promotion are produced using historic data from 1 April 2012 – 31 March 2019. While the data are an accurate reflection of the chances of promotion and survival for the period used, due to a small population in the source data for RM MA at the rank of OR-2 with 4 years of service, data for different time periods could provide very varying results.

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance), you may find it helpful to note the response to Question 3 is comprised of all personnel who have an extended career engagement recorded on the Joint Personnel Administration System (JPA). This includes personnel who received an extended career under equivalent terms prior to the introduction of

Engagement Stage 3. Personnel may have an extended career engagement recorded prior to completion of their previous engagement or reaching the requirements to serve on an extended career. Personnel who continue to serve on an Extension of Service after completion of their extended career engagement are also included.

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

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request 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 should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely

Navy Command Secretariat – FOI Section

Table 1. The chance a Royal Marine Medical Assistant with 4 years' service will achieve each length of service (LOS) before exiting:

Length of Service (Years)	Chance of completing length of service
5	100%
6	98%
7	87%
8	82%
9	71%
10	59%
11	51%
12	45%
13	40%
14	38%
15	36%
16	30%
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31	0%
32	0%
33	0%
34	0%
35	0%
36	0%
37	0%
38	0%
39	0%
40	0%

Source: Defence Statistics (Navy)

1. Expected LOS is calculated by using the averages of historic data and represents full years of completed service.
2. Exiting denotes anything that results in an ending of Regular service, e.g. time expiry, voluntary outflow, death etc.

Table 2. Chance of promotion for Royal Marine Medical Assistant from OR-2 to OR-9

Rank		Joining Rank	Start Rank		
		OR-2	OR-4	OR-6	OR-7
OR-4	Leading Hand	43%			
OR-6	Petty Officer	27%	68%		
OR-7	Chief Petty Officer	21%	55%	100%	
OR-9	Warrant Officer 1	8%	21%	52%	100%

Source: Defence Statistics (Navy)

1. Promotion rates at the 'Joining Rank' are for a New Entrant, e.g. showing that the chance of a Royal Marine Medical Assistant being promoted to OR-9 throughout their career is 8%.
2. 'Start Rank' is the rank at the start of the promotion analysis, i.e. where a current Royal Marine Medical Assistant OR-7 has a 100% chance of promotion to OR-9.

Table 3. The expected LOS in rank, and expected LOS on promotion to rank in years, for a Royal Marine Medical Assistant OR-2 LOS 4 years:

Rank		Expected LOS in Rank	Expected LOS on promotion to the rank
OR-2	Marine	6.3	N/A
OR-4	Corporal	4.1	11.0
OR-6	Sergeant	5.9	14.3
OR-7	Colour Sergeant	2.5	21.8
OR-9	Warrant Officer 1	4.0	21.0

Source: Defence Statistics (Navy)

1. 'Expected LOS in rank' includes all exits from that rank, for example promotion to the next rank or exiting the Service.
2. There is no promotion to OR-2.

Table 4. Trained Regular Royal Marine General Service Other Ranks on an Extended Career, as at 1 January 2020, by Age and Substantive Rank

Age		Substantive Rank		
20-24	-	OR-2	Marine	~
25-29	-	OR-4	Corporal	~
30-34	-	OR-6	Sergeant	10
35-39	-	OR-7	Colour Sergeant	30
40-44	~	OR-8	Warrant Officer 2	60
45-49	70	OR-9	Warrant Officer 1	60
50-54	70			
55-59	10			
60 and over	-			

Source: Defence Statistics (Navy)

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Figures have been rounded to the nearest 10 in line with disclosure control policy. Figures ending in 5 are rounded to the nearest 20 to avoid bias, 5 or fewer is represented by '~' and values of 0 represented by '-'.

