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Dear [REDACTED],

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 6 December 2022 in which you requested the following information:

'Dear Royal Navy, I have a number of questions:

- 1) What is the number of pilot candidates that will be entering BRNC each financial year for the next 5 years?
- 2) How many aircrewman candidates will be entering HMS Raleigh each financial year for the next 5 years?
- 3) Which intake at BRNC is currently being populated for pilot?
- 4) What was the average age of pilot candidates upon commencing training at BRNC in the last 3 intakes?'

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

A search has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

In response to parts one and two of your request, information regarding an estimate of the number of Royal Navy (RN) pilot candidates entering Britannia Royal Naval College (BRNC) and the number of RN aircrewman candidates entering HMS Raleigh for each financial year for the next five years can be found in the tables below. Please be advised figures provided are a forecast projection snapshot only and numbers may fluctuate:

**RN Pilot Candidates Entering BRNC for each Financial Year for the Next Five Years:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total</b>
2022/23	12
2023/24	36
2024/25	36
2025/26	36
2026/27	36

**RN Aircrewman Candidates Entering HMS Raleigh for each Financial Year for the Next Five Years:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total</b>
2022/23	8
2023/24	20
2024/25	20
2025/26	20
2026/27	20

With regard to part three of your request, I can tell you that the intake at BRNC that is currently being populated for RN pilot is 2021-2.

In response to part four of your request, I can advise you that the average age of RN pilot candidates upon commencing training at BRNC in the last three intakes is 25 years old.

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

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Yours sincerely

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