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Dear [REDACTED],

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 3 October 2022, in which you requested the following information:

'I would like to request the following information please:

- a. The percentage of male and female officers in each branch and at each rank and rate in the Royal Navy (including Royal Marines) as of 1 April 2021 (or most recent available date)
- b. The percentage of male and female other ranks in each service branch and at each rank and rate in the Royal Navy (including Royal Marines) as of 1 April 2021 (or most recent available date)
- c. The number or percentage of females in the RN and RM in a dual serving partnership (either RN, RM or tri-service, if known) – spouse, civil partner or long term partner.
- d. The number or percentage of males in the RN and RM in a dual serving partnership (either RN, RM or tri-service, if known) – spouse, civil partner or long term partner'

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

A search for the information has been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held and can be found at Annex A to this letter.

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](mailto: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. Trained and Untrained Royal Navy and Royal Marine Regular Strength as at 1 July 2022, by Branch and Gender:**

	Total	Male		Female	
		Total	%	Total	%
<b>Total Regular Strength</b>	<b>33,750</b>	<b>30,260</b>	<b>89.6%</b>	<b>3,490</b>	<b>10.4%</b>
<b>Officers</b>	<b>6,970</b>	<b>6,090</b>	<b>87.4%</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>12.6%</b>
RN Chaplaincy Service	60	60	>90.0%	~	~
RN Dental (OF)	40	20	48.8%	20	51.2%
RN Engineer FAA (OF)	330	290	88.8%	40	11.2%
RN Engineer GS (OF)	980	850	86.1%	140	13.9%
RN Engineer SM (OF)	600	570	96.3%	20	3.7%
RN Logistics GS (OF)	460	310	66.9%	150	33.1%
RN Logistics SM (OF)	90	80	>90.0%	~	~
RN Medical (OF)	450	340	74.2%	120	25.8%
RN QARNNS (OF)	100	30	27.8%	70	72.2%
RN Royal Marines BS (OF)	20	20	>90.0%	~	~
RN Royal Marines FAA (OF)	20	20	100.0%	-	-
RN Royal Marines GS (OF)	790	790	100.0%	-	-
RN Warfare FAA (OF)	1050	970	92.9%	70	7.1%
RN Warfare GS (OF)	1620	1390	85.7%	230	14.3%
RN Warfare SM (OF)	360	350	97.5%	10	2.5%
<b>Other Ranks</b>	<b>26,780</b>	<b>24,170</b>	<b>90.2%</b>	<b>2,610</b>	<b>9.8%</b>
RN Engineer FAA	3240	3040	93.8%	200	6.2%
RN Engineer GS	5320	5020	94.3%	300	5.7%
RN Engineer SM	2720	2660	97.6%	60	2.4%
RN Logistics GS	2310	1560	67.6%	750	32.4%
RN Logistics SM	420	390	92.6%	30	7.4%
RN Medical GS	670	320	48.1%	350	51.9%
RN Medical SM	160	130	81.9%	30	18.1%
RN QARNNS	180	40	20.7%	150	79.3%
RN Royal Marines BS	390	260	68.2%	120	31.8%
RN Royal Marines GS	5430	5430	100.0%	-	-
RN Warfare FAA	780	710	91.6%	60	8.4%
RN Warfare GS	4510	3970	88.0%	540	12.0%
RN Warfare SM	630	620	97.5%	20	2.5%
UCM Cyber	20	20	>80.0%	~	~

Source: Analysis(Navy)

1. Figures have been rounded to the nearest 10, with the exception of numbers ending in a "5" which have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent systematic bias. Figures of 5 or fewer are represented by '~', 0 is represented by '-'
2. Total and sub-totals have been rounded separately and may not equal the sum of their rounded parts
3. Percentages are calculated from unrounded data and presented to one decimal place

**Table 2. Trained and Untrained Royal Navy and Royal Marine Regular Strength in a dual serving partnership as at 7 October 2022, by Gender:**

	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>478</b>
Category 5S	238	289
Category 1S	215	189

Source: People and Training Directorate

1. In dual Service couples, one partner will be considered category 1S and the other Category 5S, therefore both are counted in the total figure
2. Figures include RN/RM service personnel only – partners serving in another service such as Army or RAF are not included.