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Dear [REDACTED],

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 10 October 2022, in which you requested the following information:

'Please could you let me know how many female and male leaders in the Royal Navy have children, if possible, broken down by branch and rank, but the more important of the two is rank. Starting at Lt Cdr through to Admiral.'

You provided clarification on 13 October 2022 and confirmed you required the following information:

'all female officers of OF3 and above with children. But please break down the data to OF3, Of 4, OF 5 etc.'

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 some 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. Female Royal Navy and Royal Marine Personnel at OF-3 and above with children, as at 18 October 2022, by Rank:**

<b>Total</b>	<b>198</b>
OF3	126
OF4	62
OF5	8
OF6	2

Source: People and Training Directorate

1. Figures include personnel on all contract types, including Regulars, Full-Time Reserve Service, Additional Duties Commitment and Reserves.
2. Figures represent the count of Service Personnel (SP), not the count of children.
3. It should be noted we cannot guarantee that this is all personnel with children as ultimately it is down to the SP to record their child in the Joint Personnel Administration system.

