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Dear [REDACTED],

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 4 February 2023 in which you requested the following information:

"I am enquiring to try and ascertain how many Royal Fleet Auxiliary, CIS Apprentices who have successfully completed training at HMS Collingwood are awarded the BTEC level 2 diploma qualification as advertised on the RN recruitment website.

If the numbers could be broken down into figures per annum and additionally as a percentage of those who complete the training are awarded the qualification.

(For example in 20XX - X trainees completed training - Y% of trainees were awarded BTEC L2 Diploma.)

Secondly if this qualification is no longer awarded to trainees upon completion of training when did this cease?"

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

In response to the first part of your request, the number of Royal Fleet Auxiliary (RFA) Communications Information System (CIS) recruits who completed training and have been awarded a BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Professional Competence for IT and Telecoms can be found detailed in the table below. Please note that we are unable to provide data prior to 2018:

ESFA Apprenticeship Contract Year	Completed HMS Collingwood Training course	Apprenticeship Achievers
Contract year 2018	4	75% (3)
Contract year 2019	15	100% (15)
Contract year 2020	7*	14% (1)

* Learners that completed training at HMS Collingwood but did not achieve their apprenticeship left the RFA within the first year of training.

In response to the second part of your request, I can confirm that due to the revision of apprenticeship standards across the UK, the BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Professional Competence for IT and Telecoms qualification ceased being awarded to trainees who commenced training after 8 January 2020. In place of a specific qualification, those currently completing the RFA CIS training receive certification which identifies all of the modules that are delivered in each of the two courses that recruits now complete.

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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