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Dear [REDACTED],

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 21 April 2023 in which you requested the following information:

'For the most recently completed 30 week officer training course at Britannia Royal Navy College (BRNC) please provide:

1. The finishing date;
2. The number of cadets who attended;
3. The number of cadets who were from overseas;
4. The gender of cadets;
5. The declared ethnicity of the cadets; and
6. The number of cadets whose schooling benefited from a Continuity of Education Allowance (CEA) broken down by gender.'

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 and can be found at Annex A to this letter.

In response to part six of your request, please be advised that no recorded information is held to satisfy this part of your request.

Under section 16 (Advice and Assistance) of the Act, it may help if I explain that the parental status of service personnel is not annotated on their Joint Personnel Administration (JPA) record. As such, we are therefore unable to establish which personnel may be in receipt of CEA to determine if any of their children are Officer Cadets.

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. Total Officer Cadets who commissioned from Britannia Royal Naval College (BRNC) on course ending 13th April 2023:**

<b>Total</b>	<b>120</b>
<i>Of which: Overseas personnel</i>	~

Source: BRNC Training School

1. Figures are rounded to the nearest 10 to prevent unintended disclosure of individuals. Figures ending in 5 are rounded to the nearest 20 to prevent systematic bias. Figures of 5 or less are represented by '~'

**Table 2. Total Officer Cadets who commissioned from BRNC on course ending 13th April 2023, by Gender:**

<b>Total</b>	<b>120</b>
Male	<b>90</b>
Female	30

Source: BRNC Training School

1. Figures are rounded to the nearest 10 to prevent unintended disclosure of individuals. Figures ending in 5 are rounded to the nearest 20 to prevent systematic bias.

**Table 3. Total Officer Cadets who commenced Officer commissioning training at BRNC on course ending 13th April 2023, by Ethnicity:**

<b>Total</b>	<b>150</b>
White	150
BAME	10
Unknown	-

Source: BRNC Training School

1. Ethnicity is self declared ethnicity upon commencement of Officer training at BRNC. Ethnicity is not recorded at commissioning therefore the total figure supplied includes personnel who did not complete the training course.
2. Figures do not include 24 SUY and 14 WOCP, who commissioned but do not conduct a 30-week course.
3. Figures are rounded to the nearest 10 to prevent unintended disclosure of individuals. Figures ending in 5 are rounded to the nearest 20 to prevent systematic bias. '-' represents 0.
4. Totals and sub totals are rounded separately and may not equal the sum of their counterpart

