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Dear Miss S Brewster

Thank you for your e-mail of the 3 January 2020 requesting the following information;

I have read through medical conditions that preclude entry for recruits. I am interested in the part that talks about 'Anxiety symptoms within the last 12 months, if more than 1 will require assessment by the RAF medical staff'.

I am interested in joining the raf however this statement does not apply to me so I could be eligible for entry. However I have had two separate episodes of anxiety on my medical records which the last one was four years ago. They did not go on longer than 12 months. Do you follow the same JPS 950 leaflet as the other military services for entry on this condition?

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

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

Please note that Section 1 of the FOI Act gives an applicant the right to access recorded information held by public authorities at the time that the request was made. It does not require public authorities to answer questions, provide explanations nor give opinions unless they are held on record.

I can confirm that the RAF (Royal Air Force) follow the same medical criteria as the Army and Navy as detailed in JSP 950. A copy of JSP 950 is attached at Annex A, I refer you to Section 4, Annex L, Para 22, Other Anxiety Disorders

Under Section 16 (Advice and Guidance) you might find it useful to know that while you may have seen information on the medical entry standards for the RAF on the internet this information is historic. Applications to join the RAF are assessed on a case by case basis by the RAF Recruitment and Selection Department of Occupational Medicine in accordance with Joint Service Publication (JSP) 950.

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Yours sincerely

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Enc: Annex A