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Dear Mr Patterson.

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 17 December 2013 requesting information on handbooks for recruits, promotion statistics and family members serving together. Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that the Department holds the following information you requested and taking your questions in turn:-

- Q1. A handbook etc that the Royal Navy issue to all new recruits
- A1. Attached to this email are the handbooks for HMS Raleigh and the Commando Training Centre Royal Marines, please note this publication is due to be reviewed. For Britannia Royal Naval College the handbook is on a CD-Rom and will be despatched to the postal address you provided.
- Q2. The number of promotions at each rank that have been approved in 2012 and to date in 2013
- A2. See table

ROYAL NAVY SELECTIVE PROMOTIONS 2012 & 2013

Rank Promoted To	2012	2013 (to date)	
Rear Admiral	8	4	
Commodore	18	17	
Captain	38	31	
Commander	90	122	
Lieutenant	182	206	
Commander			

WO1	77	81
WO2	93	115
CPO	275	274
PO	778	796
LH	998	1066

Promotions to the rank of Sub Lieutenant and Lieutenant are automatic based on seniority/time served.

- Q3. The number of Navy Personnel that have another family member also in the Navy eg; 8 Father and Sons, 15 brothers etc
- A3. This information is not required to be held by the Department.

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Yours sincerely

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