



Ref: FOI2024-026

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15th May 2024

Dear [REDACTED]

Further to our previous correspondence regarding your request for the following information:

I would like to know the applicant statistics associated with the 2024 evolve graduate scheme. Please could you tell me the number of people hired to each scheme and the number of applicants (Engineering, Science, ESH&Q, Cooperate and Ops)

Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

A search for the requested information within the Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE) has now been completed, and we can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

We are able to disclose the following information:

The table below outlines the number of people hired to each scheme and the number of applicants (Engineering, Science, ESH&Q, Cooperate and Ops)

Evolve Programme 2024 - Applications & Hire numbers

Graduate Scheme	Applicants	Hires
Engineering	1712	85
Science	602	
Corporate Operations	425	
ESH & Q	645	20
TOTAL	3384	127

Section 40(2) has been applied to the number of hires for Science and Corporate Operations in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 2018. The number of employees falling within this category is very low and therefore disclosure risks individuals being identifiable. Section 40(2) requires AWE to conduct a balancing exercise to consider the balance of the rights and interests of individuals against the legitimate interests in disclosure; this is not the same as carrying out the public interest test associated with certain other exemptions in the FOI Act. The balancing exercise is carried out in order to decide whether the absolute exemption in section 40(2) is engaged. In particular, there is no assumption of disclosure in the legitimate interests test, as there is with qualified exemptions. The outcome of the balancing exercise lay in withholding the number of employees falling within this category.



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If you are unhappy with the way your request has been handled you have a right to request an internal review within 40 days of receiving this letter, by writing to information.requests@awe.co.uk or our postal address: Information Requests Team, AWE Aldermaston, Reading, RG7 4PR. If you are still unhappy after an internal review has been completed, under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 you have the right to take your complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office. Please note the Commissioner will generally not consider a complaint until you have exhausted AWE's internal complaints process.

Yours sincerely,

AWE Information Requests Team