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Correspondence dated: 9 September 2014

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Date: 6 October 2014

Dear [Redacted],

Thank you for your email of 9 September 2014 requesting the following information:

*I've spoken to my colleague and we would like to request the 2013/14 location of armed forces pension and compensation recipients data for Cumbria and the county's districts under the freedom of information act.*

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

**Table 1** provides the numbers of;

- recipients of an Armed Forces Pension under the Armed Forces and Reserve Forces Pension Scheme (AFPS) with a residential postcode within Cumbria, as at the end of 2013/14 (31 March 2014)
- Individuals awarded compensation under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) with a residential postcode within Cumbria, as at the end of 2013/14 (31 March 2014).

Please note that these figures are **provisional**, since they have been derived using methodology which is currently under review. In addition postcode information is not recorded for all recipients on the Compensation and Pension System (CAPS), therefore these figures should be considered a minimum.

**Table 1: AFPS recipients and individuals awarded under the AFCS in Cumbria as at 31 March 2014, numbers<sup>1</sup> by local authority**

Local Authority	Recipients under the AFPS <sup>p</sup>	Recipients awarded under the AFCS <sup>p</sup>
All Cumbria	2,600	65
Allerdale	415	20
Barrow-in-Furness	430	5
Carlisle	705	20
Copeland	300	~
Eden	250	~
South Lakeland	490	10

Source: Compensation and Pension System

1. In line with Defence Statistics rounding policy for AFPS, AFCS and WPS data, all figures of five or more have been rounded to the nearest five and figures fewer than five have been suppressed and marked ~.

p. AFPS and AFCS figures are provisional and are subject to change in future releases.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and assistance) you may find it useful to note the following:

There are a number of different occupational pension schemes available to Armed Forces personnel; the Armed Forces and Reserve Forces Pension Scheme 1975 (AFPS 75) and the Armed Forces and Reserve Forces Pension Scheme 2005 (AFPS 05). Further details of these schemes can be found on the Gov.uk website:

(<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/armed-forces-and-reserve-forces-pension-schemes-guidance-booklets>).

Please note that Service personnel need to have at least two years' reckonable service before they are entitled to receive benefits on either pension scheme. Therefore the figures provided will not include anyone who left with less than two years of Service. The figures do not include personnel who are eligible for future pension payments but are not yet in receipt of AFPS payments.

The Armed Forces and Reserve Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) came into force on 6 April 2005 to pay compensation for injury, illness or death attributable to Service that occurred on or after that date. It replaced the previous compensation arrangements provided by the War Pensions Scheme (WPS) and the attributable elements of the Armed Forces and Reserve Forces Pensions Scheme.

The latest recorded postcode information for recipients under the AFPS and individuals awarded under the AFCS, as recorded on the Compensation and Pension System (CAPS), has been used to determine their location. It is important to note that not all records on CAPS have complete address information on CAPS. Therefore the numbers presented within this response should be treated as a minimum.

In line with Defence Statistics' rounding policy all figures of five or more have been rounded to the nearest five and figures fewer than five have been suppressed and marked ~. Due to the small numbers for each individual postcode, figures have been provided by postcode district. Totals and sub-totals have been rounded separately and thus totals may not equal the sums of their rounded parts. Totals of rows should not be calculated as individuals can claim through more than one scheme.

Defence Statistics publish statistics on the location of Armed Forces Pension and Compensation recipients which can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/location-of-armed-forces-pension-and-compensation-recipients>

Would you like to be added to our contact list, so that we can inform you about updates to our statistical publications covering these location statistics and consult you if we are thinking of making changes? You can subscribe to updates by emailing: [DefStrat-Stat-Health-PQ-FOI@mod.uk](mailto:DefStrat-Stat-Health-PQ-FOI@mod.uk)

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 1st 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 must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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