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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your email of 12 March 2015 requesting to following information:

"What chemical prophylaxis do the British armed forces use to prevent cases of malaria?"

If different drugs are used in different places around the world, please state."

Your enquiry has been treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000 and I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) holds information within the scope of your enquiry.

The life threatening risks of malaria are extremely serious and there are a number of effective drugs used for malaria chemoprophylaxis by the Armed Forces in the many parts of the world where they deploy. The MOD follows the expert guidance of the Advisory Committee for Malaria Prevention (ACMP) of Public Health England. The ACMP advises on malaria prevention for all travellers from the UK and the MOD reviews its policy on the use of antimalarials in line with advice from the ACMP.

The exact choice of antimalarial drug depends on a number of factors, including the region the individual is deploying to, the health of the individual and any past history of side effects. Drugs offered to personnel include, but are not limited to, Malarone, Mefloquine and Doxycycline.

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 the Headquarters of the Surgeon General 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 Deputy Chief Information Officer, 2nd Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail 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.

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Yours sincerely,

Headquarters of the Surgeon General