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Thank you for your email of 16 September 2013 which you clarified on 13 January 2014 requesting the following information:

How many current regular serving soldiers (Officers and below) have been prescribed Warfarin?

How many current regular serving soldiers (Officers and below) are graded as MND (P) and have been prescribed Warfarin?

How many current regular serving soldiers (Officers and below) are undergoing PAP 10 discharge who are MND (P) and have been prescribed Warfarin?

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 within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that the information in scope of your request is held, please find the information you requested below.

As at 13th January 2014, **259** currently serving Regular soldiers (Officers and below) have been prescribed Warfarin.

As at 13 January 2014, **48** currently serving Regular soldiers (Officers and below) were graded as MND (P) and have been prescribed Warfarin.

As at 16 January 2014, **fewer than 5** currently serving Regular soldiers (Officers and below) were in the Restricted Employment with Current Unit (RECU) process and are awaiting discharge in line with PAP 10 policy

Under section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance), you may find it useful to note the following:

Data on Service personnel with prescriptions for Warfarin in their medical record have been sourced from coded information in the electronic patient medical record (DMICP) centralised data warehouse which was introduced from 2007 onwards.

Any data entered as free text only in the patients' medical record will not be included in the figures presented as this information is not available in the data warehouse.

Please note a patients' latest prescription for Warfarin may have been some time ago and we are unable to identify from coded data in the data warehouse who may still be 'taking' Warfarin.

In line with Defence Statistics (Health) rounding policy (May 2009), numbers fewer than 5 have been suppressed to protect against the potential disclosure of medically sensitive information.

A PAP 10 discharge refers to the process outlined in the PULHHEEMS Administration Pamphlet version 10. Personnel identified by a medical board to be permanently below the minimal medical grading required for their role are entered into the RECU process. These personnel may then be posted into a role for which they meet the minimum medical employment standard or if a suitable role cannot be found, they may be discharged from Service.

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). 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 you find this information useful

Yours sincerely,

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