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Reference: [REDACTED]  
Correspondence dated: 15 August 2013

Date: 2 October 2013

Dear [REDACTED]

1. Your correspondence dated 15 August 2013 has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You requested the following information:
  - a) *What are the number of veterans in the South West Essex Area?*
  - b) *What are the number of veterans in the South West Essex Area suffering from Post-Traumatic Symptoms?*
2. I am writing to advise you that following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information requested on the total number of veterans in the South West Essex Area is not held by the Ministry of Defence.
3. Under section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) I can advise that the MOD do hold information on:
  - a. The number of ex-Service personnel in South West Essex in receipt of an ongoing war pension under the War Pension Scheme (WPS) and of which the number in receipt for a mental condition and the number in receipt for a condition relating to PTSD, as at 31 March 2013.
  - b. The number of ex-Service personnel who have been awarded compensation under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) for an injury/illness attributable to Service, in South West Essex, and of which the number awarded for a mental condition and the number awarded for a condition relating to PTSD, as at 31 March 2013.
  - c. The number of recipients of payments under the Armed Forces Pension Scheme (AFPS) in South West Essex, as at 12 July 2011.
4. Defence Statistics publish numbers of Armed Forces Pension recipients by postcode on their website ([www.dasa.mod.uk](http://www.dasa.mod.uk)). The publication is titled 'Location of Armed Forces Pension and Compensation Recipients' and can be found under 'other publications', 'health/medical statistics'. The latest figures currently published are as at 12 July 2011, however an update is due to be published on the website during October 2013. The figures are currently grouped by Primary Care Trust (PCT), but the updated tables will include groupings by Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) in place of PCT groupings following the NHS structure change in April 2013.

#### Background notes

5. The War Pensions Scheme (WPS) provides no-fault compensation for all ex-Service personnel where illness, injury or death is caused by Service from the start of the First World War in 1914 up

until 5 April 2005.

6. 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 Pensions Scheme.
7. There are a number of different occupational pension schemes available to Armed Forces personnel. The Armed Forces Pension Scheme data presented cover Armed Forces Pension Scheme 1975 (AFPS 75) and Armed Forces Pensions Scheme 2005 (AFPS 05). AFPS 75 pension benefits are based on rank and length of Service. All personnel serving between 6 April 1975 and 6 April 2005 will have served under the AFPS 75 scheme. AFPS 05 pension benefits are based on length of Service and final salary, and personnel who joined after 6 April 2005 will be serving under the AFPS 05 scheme. Further details of these schemes can be found on the MOD website ([www.mod.uk](http://www.mod.uk)).

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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