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Date: 27 June 2014

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 19 June 2014 where you requested the following information:

*'What were the 'P grades' (as at 1 December 2013) of the 111 UK Armed Forces personnel who had a code for a nut allergy entered on their electronic medical record (DMICP) as at 1 December 2013.'*

On the 26 June you further requested:

*'In the original request it was asked that a gender analysis be provided. This was only given as a proportion of the 111 with the condition. Please can you also provide this by grading either by P grading or MLD, MND, FE'.*

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

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. The information you requested is below.

As at 1 December 2013, **111** UK Armed Forces personnel had a code for a nut allergy entered on their electronic medical record (DMICP<sup>1</sup>).

**Table 1** presents this information by P grade and gender.

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<sup>1</sup> Defence Medical Information Capability Programme

**Table 1: UK Armed Forces personnel with a nut allergy recorded in DMICP, as at 1 December 2013, by P grade and gender, numbers.**

P grade	Gender	Total
<b>All</b>		<b>111</b>
	Male	87
	Female	24
0		~
	Male	~
	Female	0
2		<b>59</b>
	Male	49
	Female	10
3		<b>22</b>
	Male	16
	Female	6
4		~
	Male	0
	Female	~
7		<b>25</b>
	Male	19
	Female	6
8		~
	Male	0
	Female	~

Please be aware that downgraded personnel may be downgraded for reasons other than their nut allergy.

Under section 16, you may find it useful to note the following:

UK Armed Forces comprises all UK Regular Forces and full time UK Non-Regular Forces but excludes mobilised reservists.

In line with Defence Statistics' rounding policy (May 2009), and in keeping with the Office for National Statistics Guidelines, all numbers less than five have been suppressed.

The Defence Medical Information Capability Programme (DMICP) is the source of electronic, integrated healthcare records for primary healthcare and some MOD specialist care providers. DMICP was rolled out in 2007 and legacy medical data for currently serving personnel was migrated across during rollout. The data presented here has been extracted from the DMICP management information system and matched to JPA (personnel) data.

The electronic patient record has information that is Read coded. Read codes are a set of clinical codes designed for Primary Care to record the every day care of a Patient. They are part of a hierarchical structure and form the recognised standard for General Practice.

The READ code SN583 was used to extract nut allergy cases from DMICP.

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. Where a patient has failed to inform their GP they have a nut allergy, they will not be included in the dataset.

There has been no clinical audit of the accuracy of the data recorded on the patient's record.

The P grade is used to indicate an individual's overall physical and mental development, his or her potential for physical training and suitability for employment worldwide (i.e. the overall functional capacity)<sup>2</sup>. Please see **Table 1** below for details of the descriptors attached to each P grade.

**Table 1: P Grade Descriptors<sup>2</sup>**

Grade	Description
P0	Medically unfit for duty and under medical care
P2	Medically fit for unrestricted service worldwide
P3	Medically fit for duty with minor employment limitations
P4	Medically fit for duty within the limitations of pregnancy
P7	Medically fit for duty with major employment limitations
P8	Medically unfit for service

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I hope you find this information useful

Yours sincerely,

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<sup>2</sup> PULHHEEMS Administration Pamphlet 2010

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