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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 30th May 2014 requesting the following information:

1. "The number of UK reservist and regular Army personnel, as reported on the Health and Safety systems, who sustained major injuries whilst on training, exercise or adventure training at Sennybridge or Brecon between 1st April 2011 and 31st March 2013 (latest data available)"

I would be interested in receiving this data from you please.

Additionally, please detail (if possible):

2. a breakdown of the number of injuries sustained at Sennybridge and Brecon over the time periods above

3. any information on the nature of the injuries sustained.

Please treat this email as a new Freedom of Information request. I understand that it may be that you are unable to provide any answers to questions 2 and 3 within the cost limit as defined in the Act. If that is the case, please just provide the data in answer to point 1.

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 information in scope of your request is held. The information you requested is enclosed.

In line with Defence Statistics (Health)'s rounding policy, all figures of five or more have been rounded to the nearest 5 and figures fewer than five have been suppressed and marked ~. Totals and sub-totals have been rounded separately and thus totals may not equal the sums of their rounded parts.

Between the 1st April 2011 and 31st March 2013, **20** major injuries (as reported on the Health and Safety systems) were recorded in Sennybridge and Brecon during adventure training or training/exercise for UK Army Regular or Reservist personnel.

Of these **20** major injuries;

- **15** occurred in Sennybridge and **fewer than five** injuries occurred in Brecon.
- **10** occurred in the financial year 2011/12 and **10** occurred in the financial year 2012/13.

The following tables present minimum Health & Safety injuries resulting from adventure training and/or training/exercise at Sennybridge or Brecon.

Table 1 presents the cause of injury, **table 2** presents the type of injury sustained and **table 3** presents the part of body that was affected by the injury.

Table 1: Major injuries recorded¹ at Sennybridge or the Brecon Beacons, Army Regulars/Reservists, by cause of injury, 1st April 2011 – 30th March 2013, numbers².

Cause of Injury	
Overexertion, travel and privation	10
Falls	5
Exposure to inanimate mechanical forces	~
Other ³	~
Unknown	~
Total	20

1. As recorded by MOD Health and Safety Top Level Budgets (TLB)

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3. Other includes: Accidental exposure to other and unspecified factors, exposure to forces of nature, occupant of heavy transport vehicle injured in transport accident.

Source: AINC, NSINC, AIRS, DINC, DIOINC, JFC/HOCS, IRIS, Trading funds

Table 2: Major injuries recorded¹ at Sennybridge or the Brecon Beacons, Army Regulars/Reservists, by types of injury, 1st April 2011 – 30th March 2013, numbers².

Types of Injuries	
Dislocations	10
Fractures	5
Other ³	5
Total	20

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3. Other includes: Acute illness (short term ill health), cold injuries, cuts, lacerations and open wounds, pain, strain.

Source: AINC, NSINC, AIRS, DINC, DIOINC, JFC/HOCS, IRIS, Trading funds

Table 3: Major injuries recorded¹ at Sennybridge or the Brecon Beacons, Army Regulars/Reservists, by part of body injured, 1st April 2011 – 30th March 2013, numbers².

Part of Body	
Leg/Hip/Knee/Ankle/Foot	15
Trunk/Chest/Ribs/Shoulder	5
Arm/Elbow/Wrist/Hand	~
Total	20

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

Defence Statistics (Health) compiles Health and Safety statistics on behalf of Defence Safety and Environment Authority Corporate Policy and Assurance (DSEA-CPA). An Official Statistic publication 'MOD Health and Safety Statistics Annual Report' is released each year providing the numbers of major and serious injuries and is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/defence-health-and-safety-statistics-index>.

Data presented here are compiled from a number of extracts as at 1 July 2013 (unless stated otherwise):
Incident Recording Information System (IRIS) data is as at 29 June 2012 (system switched off)
Army Incident Notification Cell (AINC)
Accident and Incident Recording System (AIRS)
Defence Equipment & Support Incident Notification Cell (DINC)
Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIOINC)
Joint Forces Command/Head Office and Corporate Services (JFC/HOCS)
Naval Service Incident Notification Cell (NSINC)

The TLB Incident Notification Cells maintain local databases of reported incidents. Since 2005 Service personnel and civilians report incidents to notification cells (the AINC, DINC, and NSINC) with the exception of the RAF who have continued to report via their SHEF advisors on each of their sites. IRIS was introduced in December 2007 to enable the MOD to monitor and analyse accident trends in all areas of the Department and ensure compliance with current health and safety legislation.

The tables presented cover incidents which include Army Regular or Reservist personnel (as recorded on the joint personnel administration system) whose injury was recorded by MOD health and safety, as identified above.

The tables presented cover incidents which includes any person whose injury or illness was recorded on MOD health and safety systems.

The figures supplied are for incidents that occurred both in Brecon and Sennybridge, as identified by free text in the events summary, therefore numbers should be treated as a minimum.

Categories of injury and illness

Major injuries are defined by the Health and Safety Executive as work-related cases which:

- Could result in death or in hospitalisation (or being confined to bed, if at sea) for more than 24 hours
- Result in a person not in MOD employment and who was not at work to be taken from a MOD site to a hospital for treatment as a result of MOD work activity or site infrastructure.
- Are specific types of injury e.g. fractures (except for fingers, thumbs and toes). A full list of these injuries can be found on the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) website.

Training/Exercise are injuries resulting from activities related to being on exercise, routine training or participating in organised physical training. This mechanism also includes non battlefield injuries sustained on operations where the information supplied on health and safety systems is minimal.

Would you like to be added to our contact list, so that we can inform you about updates to our statistical publications covering Health and Safety in the UK Armed Forces and consult you if we are thinking of making changes? You can subscribe to updates by emailing: 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). 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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