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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request dated 8 September 2015 requesting the following information:

I require the public contact details for every Armed Forces Champion (or nominated person within council) for every County, Borough or district council within the United Kingdom

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

Although we previously advised this information would be provided once available, the information you requested is already in the public domain. Under Section 21 of the FOI Act the Ministry of Defence) is not obliged to supply information that is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. Public contact details, by their very nature, will be made public through websites of the Counties, Boroughs, or District Councils. If the contact details of their dedicated Armed Forces Champion are not listed, a general contact number or email address will be listed to enable you to contact them to make further enquiries.

However, under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) of the FOI Act, you may wish to be aware that Local Authorities who have signed a Community Covenant are not obliged to appoint an Armed Forces Champion and the existence or not of such a post is no reflection of their commitment to delivering the Covenant. What the Covenant delivers in different areas will vary considerably, quite appropriately, depending on factors such as Armed Forces population or local environment.

If you are not satisfied with this response or 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 Compliance Rights 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>.

Yours sincerely,

Defence Personnel Secretariat

