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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 27 November to Mr John Parkin, Head of Veterans UK. This is being treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You stated in your email:

*"This manual should be read in conjunction with the MPM 57A, Medical Adjudication and Policy statements*

and requested:

*"A copy of the aforementioned document MPM 57A"*

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm the following document within the scope of your request has been found and is attached to this reply in Portable Document Format (PDF):

*MPM57A - Veterans Agency Medical Handbook (Handbook for Medical Advisors (War Pensions))*

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that 'MPM 57A' and 'Medical Adjudication and Policy statements' are two separate documents, I have therefore also attached a copy of the *Medical Adjudication and Policy statements* document in PDF format.

*Veterans Agency Medical Adjudication Guidance on Specific Topics – Prepared by Dr Braidwood.*

I have also secured an electronic version of the hard copy document entitled *WP Medical Advisers Instructions and Procedures* previously sent to you on 10 November (Ref: FOI2015/09917).

Please note:

- The majority of these manuals and documents were published around 2000 – 2003. They are no longer in use for assessing War Pension claims and have been retrieved from an archive. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act established procedures they will now be published on the *Gov.UK - Publications: foi releases* webpage along with a copy of this FOI letter and can be found at: [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications?departments%5B%5D=ministry-of-defence&publication\\_type=foi-releases](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications?departments%5B%5D=ministry-of-defence&publication_type=foi-releases)
- Some of the information concerning the consideration of Compensation claims contained in these documents has been replaced by documents called *Synopses of Causation*, which can currently be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/mod-compensation-and-occupational-pension-schemes-synopses-of-causation>
- Some of the hyperlinks in the documents may no longer function as they were linked to what is now an obsolete IT system. However, the majority of the linked documents can be found within the body of each document.

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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto: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.

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Yours sincerely,

AH DBS Secretariat

Attachments:

1. Veterans Agency Medical Adjudication Guidance.pdf
2. MPM57A -Veterans Agency Medical Handbook.pdf
3. WP Medical Advisers Instructions and Procedures.pdf