



Ministry of Defence

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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your e-mail to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) dated [REDACTED] in which you requested the following information:

A PDF copy of "Implementation of the immunisation program against biological agents for UK Forces during the gulf conflict 1990/1991" published in 2000.

Any and all information held on "in theatre vaccination regimes", NAPS and BATS regimes used as relating to the 7th Armoured Brigade and in Particular to the Queens Royal Irish Hussars.

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

I can confirm that the MOD holds some information in scope of your request. The information is exempt under Section 21 of the FOIA, because it is reasonably accessible to you by other means. It is already in the public domain at the following address:

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20050328231439/http://mod.uk/issues/gulfwar/info/medical/bwa.htm>

There is no information held regarding vaccination regimes and individual units, however Section 16 of the FOIA sets out the duty on public authorities to provide advice and assistance, as far as it is reasonable to expect the public authority to do so, to anyone who is considering, or has made, a request for information to it. You may find the following links useful:

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20050328231439/http://mod.uk/issues/gulfwar/info/medical/mcm.htm>

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20050328231439/mod.uk/issues/gulfwar/>

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20050328231439/http://mod.uk/issues/gulfwar/info/medical/records.htm>

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Yours sincerely,

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