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Dear

Thank you for your email of 28 July 2016 requesting the following information:

"1. The number and location of UK military establishments which have had confirmed cases of Legionella bacteria in the water supply in the last five years (2010 onwards), including totals for each year.

2. The number of confirmed cases of Legionnaires' disease on UK military establishments, or caused by legionella bacteria in the water supply, in the last five years (2010 onwards), including totals for each year.

3. The number of confirmed cases of Legionnaires' disease among UK military personnel in the last five years (2010 onwards), including totals for each year.

4. The number and location of UK military establishments with current special measures in place to avoid the risk of personnel contracting Legionnaires' disease from water supplies (latest figure available).

5. Details of special measures at establishments named in (4) above"

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 (MOD) and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found below:

1.

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Aldershot			7		1	3
Perham Down						1
Surrey						1
Northwood	1	4	4	0	1	3
Colchester	6	16	0	14	6	6
London	18	5	6	4	8	5

TOTAL	25	25	17	18	16	19
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2. There have been no confirmed cases of legionnaire's disease on UK military establishments.
3. There have been two confirmed cases of Legionnaires' disease among UK military personnel in the last five years. One in 2014, which was not contracted in the UK and therefore is not reflected in the answer to question two, and one in 2016, the source of which cannot be confirmed.
4. No sites are currently conducting any special measures for legionella.
5. Not applicable in accordance with response to question 4.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that the MOD routinely manages the risk of legionella in infrastructure (hot and cold water systems and cooling towers for example) using preventative measures that are in line with non military establishments such as schools and hospitals. These measures are usually adequate to prevent any cases of the disease, with control measures including: weekly flushing of disused taps and showers, ensuring hot temperatures of taps are above 50 degrees Celsius and cold below 20 degrees Celsius, insulating pipes to ensure the correct temperature of water, removing redundant piping from hot and cold water systems, incubating samples from cooling towers to check for legionella and other bacteria and ensuring that the cleaning chemical composition of water in cooling towers is suitable.

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, 2nd Floor, Zone N, 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.

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Yours sincerely,

DIO Secretariat