



# Ministry of Defence

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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 11 February 2015 requesting the following information:

*"On 9th February 2015, you updated the web page with the revised edition for the War Pension Annual Statistics as of 31st March 2014*

*URL: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/war-pensions-scheme-statistics-2014>*

*In the accompanying spreadsheet there is table 1.5, which breaks down the number of pensioners by Government Office Region.*

*Please would you break this down further by local authority for all pensioners, and if possible the figures for different types of disablement as well."*

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held.

Section 22 of the FOIA has been applied to this information because the information is intended for publication at a future date.

Having considered the public interest, the Department's decision is to withhold this information until it has been released within the 'Location of armed forces pension and compensation recipients: 31 March 2014' statistics, due to be released in May 2015.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that a breakdown of War Pension recipients by Local Authority as at 31 March 2012 can be found within the latest 'Location of armed forces pension and compensation recipients' statistics, published on the GOV.UK website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/location-of-armed-forces-pension-and-compensation-recipients>

Would you like to be added to our contact list, so that we can inform you about updates to our statistical publications covering War Pension Scheme statistics and consult you if we are thinking of making changes? You can subscribe to updates by emailing: [DefStrat-Stat-Health-PQ-FOI@mod.uk](mailto: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, 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.

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, <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

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