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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 22 May requesting the following information:

- ***What is the total budget for mental health assessments, monitoring, evaluations and administration of clinical (and other) support? Please provide an overall figure for 2014/15, 13/14, 12/13 and then from previous years 2008/9, 07/08, 06/07.***
- ***What are the elements that are included in the budget e.g. clinical psychological support, psychiatric/medical support, psychosocial (community-based / informal - less clinical) support.***

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

For the financial year 2014/15, the overall cost of mental healthcare for military personnel is £16.3 million. This includes £1.3 million for inpatient healthcare (under contract with an external provider), £4.3 million for civilian mental health staff, and £10.7 million for military mental health staff (including administrative personnel). It does not include costs of infrastructure, training, or travel and subsistence. We are not able to break this figure down into constituent costs due to some elements being commercially sensitive. However, this overall figure represents the manpower costs associated with delivering occupational mental healthcare to approximately 166,000 persons (including overseas mental health provision).

The figure has been provided by the Defence Primary Health Care (DPHC) organisation, which has since 1 April 2014 been responsible for the overall management of Defence mental healthcare. For previous years, it would not be possible to collate overall annual costs other than at disproportionate cost.

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

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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.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

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