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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 3 February 2015 requesting the following information:

*"Would it please be possible to be given the number of ex-service personnel claiming a war pension in the North-East of England?"*

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 information in scope of your request is held. The information you requested is enclosed.

The information you requested is recorded in our War Pensions Scheme Annual Statistics at the following link:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/402332/20141505-Revised\\_War\\_Pensions\\_March\\_2014-O.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/402332/20141505-Revised_War_Pensions_March_2014-O.pdf)

The information you require is in Table 1.5 which shows pensioners by type of pension, principle scheme and Government Office Region.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and assistance) you may find it useful to note the following:

The War Pensions Scheme (WPS) provides no-fault compensation for all ex-service personnel where illness, injury or death is caused by Service from the start of the First World War in 1914 up until 5 April 2005. The next War Pensions Scheme Annual Statistic is due to be released on 4 June 2015.

Figures provided are sourced from data stored on the Defence Business Services (DBS) War Pensions Computer System (WPCS).

Would you like to be added to our contact list, so that we can inform you about updates to our statistical publications covering these location 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, 1st 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, <http://ico.org.uk>.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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