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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 27 April 2015 requesting the following information:

“Firstly, how many serving personnel in the Army and Royal Air Force have the following diagnostic codes - B7H2 or C1310 - entered into their electronic medical records.

Secondly, how many serving personnel in the Army and Royal Air Force has a prescription of ‘Cabergoline’ entered into their electronic medical records.”

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.

- As at 01 April 2015, **16** currently serving UK Armed Forces personnel (Regular and Reservist) had the diagnostic code C1310 (Hyperprolactinaemia) entered into their electronic medical record since 01 April 2007 (when the integrated electronic medical record was first introduced). Of these, **11** were in the Army and **5** were in the Royal Air Force. There were no currently serving UK Armed Forces personnel in the Army or Royal Air Force with the diagnostic code B7H2 (Benign neoplasm of pituitary gland and craniopharyngeal duct) entered into their electronic medical record.
- As at 01 April 2015, there were **26** currently serving UK Armed Forces personnel (Regular and Reservist) with a prescription for ‘Cabergoline’ entered into their electronic medical record since 01 April 2007. Of these, **14** were in the Army and **12** were in the Royal Air Force.

Under section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance), you may find it useful to note the following:

Data are compiled by Defence Statistics (Health) from the Defence Medical Information Capability Programme (DMICP) data warehouse. The DMICP programme commenced during 2007 and comprises an integrated primary Health Record (iHR) for clinical use and a pseudo-anonymised central data warehouse. Prior to this data warehouse, medical records were kept locally, at each individual medical centre. By 2010, DMICP was in place for the UK and the majority of Germany. Rollout to other overseas locations commenced in November 2011.

Please note that data on Cabergoline prescription relates to if a patient has been prescribed Cabergoline, this does not ensure that the patient has taken the drug. Also, if Cabergoline

prescriptions are recorded as free text only in the patient medical record they will not be included in the above search. It is not possible to identify from centrally held data whether these prescriptions are 'current' and a patient may no longer be taking the drug.

DMICP is also a live record system and data presented may vary from figures previously released.

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). 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

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