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15 May 2015

Dear Sir/madam

Thank you for your letter of 13 April to the Defence Business Services Secretariat team requesting information on mental health claims made under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) as specified in Annex A.

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD), and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held. The information you have requested can be found in the table enclosed at Annex B. The table shows the number of AFCS claims and breakdown of claims by Financial Year.

Please note:

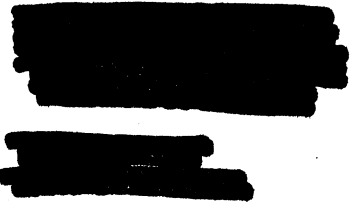
- Due to small numbers for some conditions, a further breakdown by Financial Year has not been provided.
- The AFCS scheme came into force on 6 April 2005 and Annex B therefore shows the number of claims made between this date and 30 September 2014.
- Figures for Financial Year 2014/15 include data from 1 April 2014 to 30 September 2014.
- Conditions claimed for under the AFCS are recorded in a free text field. This field was searched to identify claim made for the specific conditions. Annex C provides the terms searched for.
- The data shows where the claimed condition field referred to the specific injury/illness.
- It is possible that not all records related to the requested conditions have been identified.
- **“Of which attributed to Service”** - The number of the above claims where the injury/illness was attributed to Service. This will include ‘below tariff’ cases where a condition is attributed to Service but falls below the minimum tariff level. These cases would not be awarded compensation.
- **“Number of claims where compensation was paid (tariff 1-15)”** – The number of claims where the condition was awarded at tariff levels 1-15 and therefore a lump sum payment was awarded.

In order to protect personal information governed by the Data Protection Act 1998 Section 40(2) of the FOI Act has been applied to some of the information by supplementing numbers less than 5 with a tilde (~). Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

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.

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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13 April 2015

Your Ref: FOI2015/02190/[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter dated 26 March 2015, hopefully I will be able to clarify my request for you.

The search should not be limited to awarded claims only; this is a fundamental aspect to my request as I wish to know what proportion of claims were awarded for the different conditions. I understand that as your data is stored in free text fields, presumably within an Excel database, you would need a complete list of search terms. I believe the list I previously provided will adequately satisfy the basis for my request so please use it, with grammatical corrections, as a list of search terms. In some cases only one word from the terms should be sufficient to find a relevant entry and will avoid cases where slightly different wording has been used in the text fields.

- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Stress
- Depression
- Postnatal depression
- Anxiety disorders
- Panic attacks
- Bi-polar disorder
- Obsessive-compulsive disorder
- Insomnia
- Phobias
- Schizophrenia
- Eating disorders
- Alcohol misuse
- Dissociative disorders
- Epilepsy
- Seizures
- Fainting
- Neurodegenerative diseases
- Motor disorders
- Addictions
- Headaches/Cluster headaches/Migraines
- Cerebrovascular diseases
- Corticobasal degeneration
- Intracranial hypertension
- Vertigo

- Tourette's syndrome
- Stroke
- Narcolepsy

I hope this clarifies my request enough so it can be processed. If not, please feel free to get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

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Illness or Condition	Total number of claims made for specified condition	Of which attributed to compensation was paid (tariff levels 1-15)	Number of claims where Service	Average (mean) lump sum amount (GBP)	Minimum lump sum amount (GBP)	Maximum lump sum amount (GBP)
Post Traumatic Stress Disorder						
2005/06	1,640		1,300	1,285	500	140,000
2006/07	-		-	-	6,000	6,000
2007/08	20		15	15	2,400	60,000
2008/09	85		60	60	10,179	140,000
2009/10	115		85	85	15,090	140,000
2010/11	135		100	95	16,006	140,000
2011/12	205		180	155	14,361	600
2012/13	280		210	210	11,742	1,200
2013/14	345		285	280	10,257	1,200
2014/15	380		310	305	8,294	600
	90		75	75	7,761	3,000
Stress (not including PTSD)						
2005/06	175		40	25	5,530	1,200
2006/07	-		-	0	-	10,000
2007/08	10		5	0	2,700	2,400
2008/09	20		-	-	6,000	6,000
2009/10	15		-	-	5,300	1,200
2010/11	25		10	5	5,167	3,000
2011/12	20		-	-	4,500	3,000
2012/13	25		-	-	6,000	6,000
2013/14	35		5	-	7,667	3,000
2014/15	10		-	-	6,800	3,600
	1,110		290	270	10,278	720
Depression						
2005/06	25		0	0	6,933	4,800
2006/07	105		20	20	11,195	3,000
2007/08	105		20	20	9,811	1,800
2008/09	110		36	30	16,428	1,800
2009/10	130		35	35	14,144	1,200
2010/11	165		45	45	10,172	2,400
2011/12	170		40	40	7,847	1,800
2012/13	230		65	60	7,930	1,720
2013/14	60		15	15	5,718	3,600
2014/15						10,000
	1,110		290	270	10,278	720
Past mental depression						
	15		0	0	-	-
Anxiety						
2005/06	455		125	120	9,395	1,200
2006/07	-		0	0	-	27,000
2007/08	5		0	0	-	15,500
2008/09	40		5	5	8,786	3,000
2009/10	40		15	15	10,408	1,800
2010/11	35		10	10	11,164	4,800
2011/12	60		15	15	10,814	1,200
2012/13	75		30	25	10,888	1,800
2013/14	85		25	25	8,568	1,200
2014/15	30		10	10	6,612	2,400
	35		15	15	20,077	1,200
						140,000

2005/06	0	0									
2006/07	-	-									10,000
2007/08	-	-						10,000		10,000	10,000
2008/09	-	-						10,000		10,000	10,000
2009/10	5	-						5,400		4,800	6,000
2010/11	10	-						10,400		1,200	27,000
2011/12	5	5						37,800		6,000	140,000
2012/13	-	-						10,000		10,000	10,000
2013/14	5	0									
2014/15	0	0									
Bi-polar disorders	40	-						10,000		10,000	10,000
2005/06	0	0									
2006/07	-	0									
2007/08	5	-						10,000		10,000	10,000
2008/09	-	-									
2009/10	-	0									
2010/11	5	0									
2011/12	10	0									
2012/13	-	0									
2013/14	5	0									
2014/15	-	0									
OCD	30	10						8,500		2,400	27,000
2005/06	0	0									
2006/07	0	0									
2007/08	-	-						14,700		2,400	27,000
2008/09	5	0									
2009/10	-	-						2,400		2,400	2,400
2010/11	-	-						15,500		15,500	15,500
2011/12	-	-						4,200		3,600	4,800
2012/13	-	-									
2013/14	10	-						4,800		4,800	4,800
2014/15	-	0						8,000		6,000	10,000
Insomnia	10	-						9,000		8,000	10,000
Phobias	20	5						30,500		3,000	140,000
Schizophrenia	10	0									
Eating Disorders	10	0									
Alcohol misuse	55	5						8,400		6,000	10,000
Dissociative Disorders	5	-						15,000		3,000	27,000
Epilepsy	140	10						85,618		6,000	290,000
2005/06	-	0									
2006/07	10	-						8,000		8,000	8,000
2007/08	25	0									
2008/09	20	-						6,000		6,000	6,000
2009/10	15	-						148,000		6,000	290,000
2010/11	10	-						10,000		10,000	10,000
2011/12	15	-						290,000		290,000	290,000

Condition	Search terms
Post Traumatic Stress Disorder	PTSD, post-traumatic stress, post traumatic stress
Stress (not including PTSD)	stress (PTSD records manually removed)
Depression	depression, depressed, depressive
Post natal depression	post natal depression
Anxiety	anxiety
Panic Attacks	panic attack
Bi-polar disorders	bi-polar
OCD	OCD, obsessive compulsive disorder
Insomnia	insomnia
Phobias	phobia
Schizophrenia	schizophrenia
Eating Disorders	eating disorder, anorexia, bulleミア
Alcohol misuse	alcohol
Dissociative Disorders	dissociative
Epilepsy	epilepsy
Seizure	seizure
Fainting	fainting
Addiction	addiction
Headaches/ Cluster headaches/ Migraines	headache, migraine
Corticobasal degeneration	corticobasal degeneration
Intracranial hypertension	Intracranial hypertension
Vertigo	vertigo
Stroke	stroke
Narcolepsy	narcolepsy