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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 21 September 2015 requesting the following information:

I was wondering if DASA had health data from either the Regional Training Centres, unit training centres or Defence Primary Healthcare centres for dependents (spouses and children) of personnel?

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.

Defence Statistics Health can access coded health data from the Defence Medical Information Capability Programme (DMICP) for civilian personnel entitled to Defence Medical Service (DMS) primary healthcare which will include dependents.

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

In the DMICP data warehouse we are unable to differentiate between dependents, MOD employed entitled civilians and civilian contractors as they will all be identified in DMICP by a DMS registration of 'civilian'. Children can be identified by their age.

A DMS registration at a MOD medical centre means that the MOD are responsible for providing long term, permanent and full primary healthcare; however these individuals will be referred to the NHS for secondary healthcare provision. The majority of military dependents are not entitled to military health care and will be registered with an NHS GP practice.

The Defence Medical Information Capability Programme (DMICP) 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. The data between 2007 and 2010 may be incomplete due to the rollout of the electronic medical record system.

More information on DMS registrations can be found in the NHS Commissioning Population Statistics and background quality report at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/defence-personnel-nhs-commissioning-quarterly-statistics-financial-year-201516>

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

Yours sincerely

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