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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 20 February 2015, requesting the following information:

I request that you please send me a list of our veteran soldiers, sailors and raf veterans that are currently homeless at this moment.

We are treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that no information in scope of your request is held.

Under section 16 of the FOIA, public authorities are required to provide the requester with advice and assistance while processing their request.

The homelessness of Service veterans is a very important issue to the Ministry of Defence. The Department works closely with the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG), Devolved Administrations, ex-Service organisations, service-providers and charities to seek to ensure a co-ordinated and structured approach to the issue of housing former members of our Armed Forces. Legislation brought in as part of the Armed Forces Covenant requires Local Authorities to frame their allocation schemes to give additional preference to Service leavers who have urgent housing needs. DCLG has also brought in social housing regulations which stipulate that, where the application is made within five years of discharge, local authorities in England must not disqualify Service leavers on the grounds that they do not have a local connection.

In February 2014 the Government launched the £40M Veterans Accommodation Fund, funded by LIBOR money, to support projects which offer a range of accommodation for veterans with housing needs. The Prime Minister has already announced 12 successful projects.

You may also find the below link useful in locating additional information concerning the welfare of veterans:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/veterans-welfare-service>

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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

Defence Personnel Secretariat