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Thank you for your further letter of 31 May 2017 requesting the following information:

How many Medical and Dental Officers who were members of the Armed Forces Pension Scheme 75 on their deaths, have died in service between 6 April 2006 and 31 March 2017?"

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 some of the information in scope of your request is held.

Fewer than three¹ Medical and Dental Officers, who were members of the Armed Forces Pension Scheme 75 on their deaths, have died in service between 1 April 2007 and 31 March 2017. Information for the period from 6 April 2006 until 31 March 2007 is not held as the Joint Personnel Administration system did not go live until 1 April 2007.

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 us in the first instance at the address above. 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, Ground 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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In line with the JSP 200 directive on statistical disclosure control, figures have been suppressed.

Yours sincerely,

