## EXTERNAL CONSULTATION ON THE CESSATION OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OFFICIAL STATISTIC 'UK ARMED FORCES RECOVERY CAPABILITY: WOUNDED, INJURED AND SICK IN THE RECOVERY PATHWAY'

## Introduction

1. Defence Statistics Health opened a consultation with stakeholders on 27 July 2017, regarding the proposal to cease publication of the bi-annual official statistic 'UK Armed Forces Recovery Capability: Wounded, Injured and Sick in the recovery pathway'.

## **Consultation Outcome**

- 2. One response was received by The Royal British Legion (TRBL) during the consultation period, which ended on 23 August 2017.
- 3. TRBL opposed the cessation of the UK armed forces recovery capability: wounded, injured and sick in the recovery pathway official statistic as it forms a key statistical output to inform their delivery of the Battle Back Centre and contribution to defence recovery.
- 4. However, the MOD has committed to using the resource saving from the cessation of these Official Statistics to develop bespoke management information for TRBL which will be better tailored to their needs. This information will not be routinely published for public view but could still be available to the public via the Freedom of Information Act (2000).
- 5. Taking into account the feedback received, the decision has been taken to cease the publication of this official statistic. The last published report was on 27 July 2017.