

Proposed cessation of the UK Armed Forces Recovery Capability: Wounded, Injured and Sick in the recovery pathway Official Statistic

SUMMARY

The Ministry of Defence currently publishes 'UK Armed Forces Recovery Capability: Wounded, Injured and Sick (WIS) in the recovery pathway' Official statistics publication, on a bi-annual basis. We are now seeking external users' views on ceasing this publication.

BACKGROUND

This bi-annual Bulletin provides summary statistics covering numbers of WIS personnel in recovery including the outcomes of personnel when they leave recovery (remain in Service or leave the Services). It also presents the numbers of WIS personnel who took part in recovery courses.

REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED CHANGE

Defence Statistics is proposing to cease publication of this Official Statistic:

- a. External interest in this annual publication is low and there have been no Freedom of Information (FOI) requests or Parliamentary Questions (PQs) received on this topic since our first publication in 1st October 2015.
- b. The main internal stakeholder (People) and single Service recovery leads support the cessation of this Official Statistic.
- c. The resource currently used to produce the Official Statistic will be redirected to investigate the cause of WIS personnel who have been medically downgraded, and to provide more regular statistical support to the Army and the Defence Recovery Steering Group (DSRG) for monitoring and evidence-based decision making.

TIMINGS

This consultation will run for **four weeks**, from **27 July 2017 to 23 August 2017**. This consultation complies with the Government's Code of Practice on Consultations.

As long as there is no objection during the consultation period, the cessation of the report will proceed as planned and the Official Statistics covering the financial year 2016/17 (to be published on 27 July 2017) will be the final published report.

RESPONDING TO THE CONSULTATION

Considering the reasons for the proposed changes, we now invite the feedback of our external data users and are keen to know what impact the reduction of frequency of this publication will have on you.

Ways to respond

If you have any comments on the proposed changes please send:

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