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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 18 February 2018 requesting the following information:

“Under the FOI Act can you advise on how many armed forces personnel have been prescribed the drug Viagra, or similar drugs from Jan 2017 to date.”

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 information in scope of your request is held by the MOD.

Between 1 January 2017 and 8 March 2018 **1,046** UK Armed forces personnel had a prescription for Viagra, or a similar drug, entered into their electronic patient record.

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note the following:

Prescriptions made by the MOD for Viagra, or other similar drugs, reflect both national and NHS guidelines.

It is not possible to identify from centrally held coded information the condition for which the drugs were prescribed.

Personnel include all UK Armed Forces Regular and Reserve personnel. This response relates to all personnel who had a DMICP record and served between 1 January 2017 and 8 March 2017 and is not limited to the currently serving population.

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

Yours sincerely,

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