



Ministry  
of Defence

Defence Statistics (Health)  
Ministry of Defence  
Oak 0 West (#6028)  
Abbey Wood North  
Bristol BS34 8JH  
United Kingdom

Telephone: +44 (0)30679 84423

E-mail: [DefStrat-Stat-Health-PQ-FOI@mod.gov.uk](mailto:DefStrat-Stat-Health-PQ-FOI@mod.gov.uk)

Reference: FOI2019/05359

4 June 2019

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email received on 7 May 2019 requesting the following information:

“the number of commonwealth veterans that live or have lived in scotland since 2010

and:

the number of commonwealth veterans and their families that live or have lived in scotland since 2010”

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I am writing to advise you that following a search of our recorded information, I have established that the information you requested is not held by the Ministry of Defence.

Under Section 16 (advice and assistance) you may wish to note the following:

#### Annual Population Survey

The MOD has published estimates on the size and socio-demographic characteristics of the UK Armed Forces Veteran population residing in Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland) using responses provided in the Annual Population Survey (APS) administered by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.

The latest veteran estimates for 2017 can be found on the GOV.UK website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/annual-population-survey-uk-armed-forces-veterans-residing-in-great-britain-2017>

Note that due to size of the sample which took part in the 2017 APS (approximately 290,000), the results presented in this report provide the most reliable estimates of the veteran population in Great Britain. The Veteran population as estimated from the APS was identified as those individuals aged 16+ who reside in households in Great Britain and have previously served at least one day in the UK Armed Forces. The APS was only asked of those residing in households and therefore excluded individuals who were homeless or were living in communal establishments such as care homes or prisons.

#### Location of UK Armed Forces Pension and Compensation Recipients

This annual Statistical Bulletin published by the MOD presents summary information on veteran pension and compensation recipients by country, region, county, local authority, local health organisation, and postcode district.

The following veteran cohorts are included:

- **Armed Forces Pension Scheme (AFPS)** - UK Armed Forces veterans in receipt of an occupational pension under one of the following Armed Forces Pension Schemes: AFPS 75 or APFS 05. It does not include those in receipt of an occupational pension under the AFPS 15.
- **War Pension Scheme (WPS)** - UK Armed Forces veterans in receipt of a disablement pension under the War Pension Scheme. The WPS provides no-fault compensation for Service-attributable injury or illness from the start of the First World War in 1914 until 5 April 2005.
- **Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS)** - UK Armed Forces veterans who have been awarded compensation under the Armed Forces and Reserve Forces Compensation Scheme. The AFCS came into force on 6 April 2005 to pay compensation for Service-attributable injury or illness from this date

Please note that veterans who are not in receipt of an occupational pension under the AFPS and have not been awarded compensation under the WPS or AFCS will not be included in these statistics.

The latest update was published on 16 August 2018 (as at 31 March 2018):

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/location-of-armed-forces-pension-and-compensation-recipients-2018>.

The next statistical bulletin (as at 31 March 2019) will be published in August 2019.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request 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.gov.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely

Defence Statistics (Health)