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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 28 May 2019 requesting the following information:

“Could you please tell me how many of those serving in the Armed Forces have been diagnosed with psychosis each year for the past five years and the total in 2019 so far?”

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held.

Table 1 shows the number of UK Armed Forces personnel with a Psychosis read code entered onto their electronic primary care record (Defence Medical Information Capability Program (DMICP)) between 1 January 2014 and 14 June 2019, by year. This includes those seen in primary care by a GP as well as those seen at MOD Specialist Mental Health Services. Note, cases of Psychosis can often be complex and an individual may be receiving treatment for a long period of time. Therefore Table 1 presents the year in which the first Psychosis read code was entered in a patient’s electronic record during this period as the time they were diagnosed with Psychosis. For example, a patient may have been seen for Psychosis in 2014 and 2015 but they will be counted only once in 2014. Please note, the data period covered in this response is from 1 January 2014; personnel may have been seen for Psychosis prior to this but the first read code recorded after 1 January 2014 has been used to determine year of diagnosis.

Table 1: UK Armed Forces personnel with a Psychosis read code, by year^{1,2}.

1 January 2014 – 14 June 2019

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2014	56
2015	57
2016	51
2017	40
2018	19
2019¹	21

Source: DMICP

1. Data up to 14 June 2019

2. An individual with more than one PTSD read code in their patient record will only be counted once in the first year a read code appears between 2014 and 2019

Under section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance), you may find it useful to note the following:

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 2014 and 14 June 2019 and is not limited to the currently serving population.

Defence Medical Information Capability Programme (DMICP) has a centralised data warehouse of coded information. It is the source of electronic, integrated healthcare records for primary healthcare and some MOD specialist care providers. DMICP was rolled out in 2007 and legacy medical data for currently serving personnel was migrated across during rollout.

Please note that if information was entered as free text in the patient record then it is not available in the DMICP data warehouse and will not be retrieved using the search for Read codes.

The electronic patient record has information that is Read coded. Read codes are a set of clinical codes designed for Primary Care to record the everyday care of a Patient. They are part of a hierarchical structure and form the recognised standard for General Practice. Advice on which Read codes to include for 'Psychosis' was given by a specialist mental health clinician and were as follows :

Eu2 - [X]Schizophrenia, schizotypal and delusional disorders
Eu2z-1 - [X]Psychosis NOS
E13z-1 - Psychotic episode NOS
Eu23 - [X]Acute and transient psychotic disorders
Eu23z - [X]Acute and transient psychotic disorder, unspecified
Eu232 - [X]Acute schizophrenia-like psychotic disorder
E10z - Schizophrenia NOS
Eu21 - [X]Schizotypal disorder
Eu2y - [X]Other nonorganic psychotic disorders
E13y1 - Brief reactive psychosis
E13z - Nonorganic psychosis NOS
Eu25 - [X]Schizoaffective disorders
E11z0 - Unspecified affective psychoses NOS
Eu200 - [X]Paranoid schizophrenia
Eu25z - [X]Schizoaffective disorder, unspecified
E10 - Schizophrenic disorders
Eu220 - [X]Delusional disorder
E1 - Non-organic psychoses
Eu601 - [X]Schizoid personality disorder
E1000 - Unspecified schizophrenia
E100 - Simple schizophrenia
E103 - Paranoid schizophrenia
E1030 - Unspecified paranoid schizophrenia
E104 - Acute schizophrenic episode
E1y - Other specified non-organic psychoses
E1z - Non-organic psychosis NOS
Eu22y-1 - [X]Delusional dysmorphophobia
Eu220-1 - [X]Paranoid psychosis
Eu22 - [X]Persistent delusional disorders
Eu21-8 - [X]Schizotypal personality disorder
Eu21-5 - [X]Prodromal schizophrenia
Eu206 - [X]Simple schizophrenia
Eu204 - [X]Post-schizophrenic depression
Eu202 - [X]Catatonic schizophrenia
Eu20 - [X]Schizophrenia
Eu230 - [X]Acute polymorphic psychot disord without symp of schizoph
Eu231 - [X]Acute polymorphic psychot disord with symp of schizophren
Eu2z - [X]Unspecified nonorganic psychosis
Eu2y-1 - [X]Chronic hallucinatory psychosis
Eu25y - [X]Other schizoaffective disorders

Eu23y - [X]Other acute and transient psychotic disorders
Eu233 - [X]Other acute predominantly delusional psychotic disorders
Eu232-1 - [X]Brief schizophreniform disorder
E121 - Chronic paranoid psychosis
E12y - Other paranoid states
E12z - Paranoid psychosis NOS
E13 - Other nonorganic psychoses
Eu26 - [X]Nonorganic psychosis in remission
Eu24-3 - [X]Induced psychotic disorder
Eu24 - [X]Induced delusional disorder
Eu23z-2 - [X]Reactive psychosis
Eu23z-1 - [X]Brief reactive psychosis NOS
E107 - Schizo-affective schizophrenia
E1070 - Unspecified schizo-affective schizophrenia
E1033 - Acute exacerbation of subchronic paranoid schizophrenia
Eu202-1 - [X]Catatonic stupor
Eu202-3 - [X]Schizophrenic catatonia
E02z - Drug psychosis NOS
E01z - Alcoholic psychosis NOS
E01y - Other alcoholic psychosis
E0110 - Korsakov's alcoholic psychosis
E02 - Drug psychoses
E02yz - Other drug psychoses NOS
E01 - Alcoholic psychoses
Eu155 - [X]Mental/behav dis oth stims inc caffeine: psychotic dis
Eu107 - [X]Men & behav dis due alcoh: resid & late-onset psychot dis
Eu105 - [X]Mental & behav dis due to use alcohol: psychotic disorder
Eu105-4 - [X]Alcoholic psychosis NOS
Eu323-1 - [X]Single episode of major depression and psychotic symptoms
Eu323 - [X]Severe depressive episode with psychotic symptoms
Eu333-5 - [X]Recurrent severe episodes of psychotic depression
E1124 - Single major depressive episode, severe, with psychosis
E11-1 - Bipolar psychoses
E1104 - Single manic episode, severe, with psychosis
E1114 - Recurrent manic episodes, severe, with psychosis
Eu333 - [X]Recurrent depress disorder cur epi severe with psyc symp
Eu32A - [X]Recurr major depr ep, severe with psych, psych in remiss
Eu315 - [X]Bipolar affect dis cur epi severe depres with psyc symp
Eu328 - [X]Major depression, severe with psychotic symptoms
E1134 - Recurrent major depressive episodes, severe, with psychosis
Eu323-4 - [X]Single episode of reactive depressive psychosis
E11 - Affective psychoses
E11-2 - Depressive psychoses
E11-3 - Manic psychoses
Eu312 - [X]Bipolar affect disorder cur epi manic with psychotic symp
Eu302 - [X]Mania with psychotic symptoms
E1154 - Bipolar affect disord, now depressed, severe with psychosis
E11y - Other and unspecified manic-depressive psychoses
E130-1 - Psychotic reactive depression
Eu333-4 - [X]Recurr severe episodes/psychogenic depressive psychosis
Eu333-3 - [X]Recurr severe episodes/major depression+psychotic symptom
Eu333-1 - [X]Endogenous depression with psychotic symptoms
E110-1 - Hypomanic psychoses
E130 - Reactive depressive psychosis
Eu531-1 - [X]Puerperal psychosis NOS
E03y3 - Unspecified puerperal psychosis
E0z - Organic psychoses NOS
E03y - Other transient organic psychoses

DMICP is a live data source and is subject to change. Date of extract 14 June 2019.

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, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.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, <http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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