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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 18 July 2019 requesting the following information:

"Could you provide a breakdown of [Medical Discharges in 2018]. Could you please provide discharges by service, rank, age and medical reason for the same?"

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

I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence holds this information. The information you have requested is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), because it is reasonably accessible to you by other means. Information on medical discharges is already in the public domain:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/uk-service-personnel-medical-discharges-financial-year-201819>

Page 3 provides an Executive Summary on the data within the Official Statistic. Please refer to:

- Page 10 Table 2 for Medical Discharges from the Naval Services.
- Page 17 Table 4 for Medical Discharges from the Army.
- Page 24 Table 6 for Medical Discharges from the Royal Air Force.

This information is annually released each July.

Would you like to be added to our contact list, so that we can inform you about updates to our statistical publications covering medical discharges in the UK Armed Forces and consult you if we are thinking of making changes? You can subscribe to updates by emailing: DefStrat-Stat-Health-PQ-FOI@mod.gov.uk

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Yours sincerely

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