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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 23 January 2020 requesting the following information:

*"I am emailing to request details of the number of residents with a SY or TF postcode who are currently in receipt of an armed services pension including widows and widowers."*

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

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

As at 17 February 2020, there were **five** Service leavers in receipt of an occupational pension under the Armed Forces Pension Scheme (AFPS) 15 scheme with a postcode in the SY or TF region at date of exit from the UK Armed Forces<sup>1</sup>.

With regards to the number of Service leavers in receipt of an occupational pension under the AFPS 75 and an AFPS 05 schemes, the information is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), because it is reasonably accessible to you by other means.

The MOD publishes '**Location of UK armed forces pension and compensation recipients**' Official Statistics. This Statistical Bulletin presents summary information on veteran pension and compensation recipients by country, region, county, local authority, local health organisation, and postcode district.

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

The Official Statistic can be found on the GOV.UK website:

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

The information you have requested can be found in Table 6 of the supplementary tables.

Please note that data held for those in receipt of an occupational pension under the AFPS 75 and AFPS 05 schemes are compiled as at 31 March each year.

The latest bulletin, as published on the GOV.UK website on 29 August 2019, provides details on compensation and pension recipients as at 31 March 2019. The next bulletin will be published in Summer 2020, which will include data up to 31 March 2020.

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<sup>1</sup> Please note that this postcode refers to the Service leavers postcode at the time of discharge. These five individuals may no longer reside in this area. This figure does not include Service leavers who left the UK Armed Forces and later moved into the area.

The AFPS 75 was introduced in 1975 and was closed to new entrants from 6 April 2005. The AFPS 05 was the scheme applicable to those joining the Regular Armed Forces from 6 April 2005. Serving members of AFPS 75 were given an opportunity to transfer to AFPS 05 by 6 April 2006. The AFPS 15 was introduced in 2015 for those joining the Regular Armed Forces from 1 April 2015.

Data on occupational pension recipients under the AFPS 75 and AFPS 05 are held on the Compensation and Pension System (CAPS). These data are compiled on an annual basis, as at 31 March each year, and are published within the 'Location of UK armed forces pension and compensation recipients' Official Statistics.

Many veterans in receipt of their occupational pension under the AFPS 75 and AFPS 05 have also been awarded compensation under the War Pension Scheme (WPS) and the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) for Service attributable injury/ill health. For these veterans, their address information has been compared with what was recorded within their claim information to ensure that their latest location is reported within the Official Statistics.

Data on occupational pension recipients under the AFPS 15 are held on the Joint Personnel Administration (JPA) System. The 'Location of UK armed forces pension and compensation recipients' Official Statistics do not currently include this cohort. Individual-level data is required to incorporate AFPS 15 recipients into the Official Statistics data. However, it is currently only possible to extract a pdf summary report containing aggregate information from the JPA system, and therefore this information cannot currently be included. The pdf report for this response was processed on 17 February 2020.

Would you like to be added to our contact list, so that we can inform you about updates to our statistical publications covering the location of Armed Forces pension recipients 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](mailto:DefStrat-Stat-Health-PQ-FOI@mod.gov.uk)

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

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I hope this helps with your requirements.

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