

Ref: FOI2020/05087

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E-mail [REDACTED]

Dear

Thank you for your email of 29 April 2020, requesting the following information:

“My name is [REDACTED] and I am a Research Fellow from the University of Derby, carrying out some commissioned research identifying and exploring the needs of the Armed Forces community living in Derbyshire. As part of the project we are trying to identify the number of Armed Forces Community who may reside in Derbyshire. If you could provide me with any data which could help me with this I would be very grateful.

I am aware that there is MOD pensions and compensation data for veterans which I have found helpful. However I would like to request the number of service leavers with an initial address in Derbyshire, and also the number of service personnel with a partner or spouse with an address in the Derbyshire area.

Thus, I would be particularly interested in;

- *The number of service personnel who left the Armed Forces between 1st April 2015 and March 31st 2020 with an address on exit in Derby and Derbyshire.*

How many regular service personnel have an address in Derby or Derbyshire, including out of hours contact address, permanent or temporary home address.

- *The number of regular service personnel who have a spouse or partner with a contact address in Derby or Derbyshire, including civil partner, spouse, or domestic partner.”*

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 (MOD), and I can confirm that all of the information in scope of your request is held.

An interrogation of the Joint Personnel Administration system which holds the type of information you have requested has confirmed that:

- 1,070 Service personnel left the Armed Forces between 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2020 with a Derbyshire or Derby address* on exit.
- 450 Regular Service personnel have an address in Derby or Derbyshire, including an out of hours contact address, or a permanent or temporary home address.
- 410 Regular Service personnel have a spouse, civil partner or domestic partner with a contact address in Derbyshire or Derby.

In line with Departmental policy all of the figures provided are rounded to the nearest 10, numbers ending in five have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to avoid systematic bias.

* includes addresses where either the county has been recorded as Derbyshire or the postal area is in:

DE11; DE12; DE15; DE21; DE22; DE4; DE45; DE5; DE55; DE56; DE6; DE65; DE7; DE72; DE73; DE74; DE75; LE65; NG10; NG16; NG19; NG20; S12; S18; S30; S31; S40; S41; S42; S43; S44; S45; S80; SK12; SK13; SK14; SK17; SK23.

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

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Yours sincerely,

DBS Secretariat Team