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Thank you for your email of 12 March 2020 requesting the following information:

*How many service personnel currently designated PSTAT 1s are currently serving in HM Armed Force*

*How many service personnel currently designated PSTAT Cat 1s are part of a Service couple in which one partner is a Reservist*

*How many service personnel currently designated PSTAT Cat 1s are part of a Service couple in which one partner is serving on FTRS TCOS*

*How many service personnel currently designated PSTAT Cat 1s are part of a Service couple in which one partner is serving on FTRS(FC) TCOS*

*How many service personnel currently designated PSTAT Cat 1c are serving in HM Armed Force.*

*How many service personnel currently designated PSTAT Cat 1c are part of a Service couple in which one partner is a member of the Civil Service*

*How many service personnel currently designated PSTAT Cat 1c are part of a Service couple in which one partner is a member of a Recognised Welfare Organisation*

*How many service personal currently designated PSTAT Cat 1s or 5s are designated INVOLSEP*

*How many service personal currently designated PSTAT Cat 1c or 5c are designated INVOLSEP*

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 some of the information in scope of your request is held.

However, in order to protect personal information governed by Data Protection Legislation, Section 40(2) of the FOI Act has been applied to some of the information by rounding it in line with departmental rounding policy. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

The following information was extracted from the Joint Personnel Administration (JPA) system on 14 April 2020.

3450 Service personnel currently designated PSTAT 1s are currently serving in HM Armed Forces.

320 Service personnel currently designated PSTAT Cat 1s are part of a Service couple in which one partner is a Reservist

(excluding FTRS) JPA does not link married couples. Therefore, only the individual's assignment type can be deduced not that of their spouse.

100 Service personnel currently designated PSTAT Cat 1s are part of a Service couple in which one partner is serving on FTRS TCOS

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20 Service personnel currently designated PSTAT Cat 1s are part of a Service couple in which one partner is serving on FTRS(FC) TCOS

750 Service personnel currently designated PSTAT Cat 1c are serving in HM Armed Forces.

How many service personnel currently designated PSTAT Cat 1c are part of a Service couple in which one partner is a member of the Civil Service

\*Not available from JPA. The suffix c in the PSTAT Cat denotes the spouse is either a Civil Servant or employed by a \*\*recognised Welfare Organisation.

How many service personnel currently designated PSTAT Cat 1c are part of a Service couple in which one partner is a member of a Recognised Welfare Organisation

\*Not available from JPA. The suffix c in the PSTAT Cat denotes the spouse is either a Civil Servant or employed by a \*\*recognised Welfare Organisation.

580 Service personal currently designated PSTAT Cat 1s or 5s are designated INVOLSEP

40 Service personal currently designated PSTAT Cat 1c or 5c are designated INVOLSEP

\*Service, Civil Service and Welfare Organisation Spouses and Partners;

When the spouse or civil partner of a member of the Armed Forces in PStat Cat 1 is a member of the Armed Forces (s), or the UK Civil Service (c), or a recognised welfare organisation\*\*, then the category is to bear the additional suffix of 's' or 'c'. The Service spouse/civil partner and their spouse/civil partner will elect which spouse/civil partner will be PStat Cat 1 or the Civil Service equivalent, and which will be PStat Cat 5 or the Civil Service equivalent. A spouse or civil partner in a welfare organisation is to declare a PStat Cat in the same way as if they were a UK Civil Servant.

\*\* Recognised welfare organisation – Council of Voluntary Welfare Workers (CVWW), Women's Royal Voluntary Service (WRVS), Sailors Soldiers and Air Force Association (SSAFA), Forces Help and Services Hospital Welfare Department (SHWD) will carry the suffix 'c'

### **Rounding Note**

All figures are rounded to the nearest 10, numbers ending in 5 have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to avoid systematic bias. Figures below 5 denoted by ~, zero denoted by -.

Totals and sub-totals have been rounded separately and may not equal the sum of their rounded parts.

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). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely,

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