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Dear Mr		

Thank you for your email of 14 August 2020 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

"Please see attached a response that was provided by the MoD in relation to a Parliamentary Written Question. Could you please supply me with updated versions of the tables that fill in the details for each subsequent quarter as well as the latest figure you have for veterans receiving mental health treatment and those in hospital for mental health issues"

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 and I can confirm that no information in scope of your request is held.

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) it may be helpful if I explain that the Parliamentary Question was answered by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and NHS Digital is responsible for the data regarding the number of veterans that are receiving mental health treatment. You may wish to approach NHS Digital in relation to the information you seek. An FOI can be submitted via the following link: https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information.

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 <u>CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk</u>). 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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