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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your email received by the Ministry Of Defence on 8th September requesting the following information:

“Please could I be added to the list of subscribers for updates of information for location statistics in the South West?”

I am researching wellbeing/health/welfare support provision for HM Forces and veterans currently employed, living or retired in Dorset. If you have any specific data relating to HM Forces and veterans living in Dorset may I ask if this could be shared with me?”

We are treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

We have now completed a search for the information you requested, and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held. Information on the location of all veterans is not held by the Ministry of Defence. The information we do hold is exempt under Section 21 of the FOIA, as it is reasonably available in the public domain.

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

The Annual Location Statistics (ALS) publication contains information on the stationed location¹ of UK Regulars² and Civilians. The ALS is published annually at the beginning of July and can be found at the following location: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/location-of-uk-regular-service-and-civilian-personnel-annual-statistics-2021>

Breakdowns for Dorset can be found in tables 3.9a and 3.9b of the MS Excel and ODS versions of this publication. Please note that the historic county of Dorset comprises the Dorset Unitary Authority as well as Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole which are broken down separately in ALS.

The figures in the Annual Location Statistics are based on Service personnel's stationed location and not their location of residence – where personnel work isn't necessarily where they live. In the Joint Personnel Administration (JPA) database, the majority of service personnel record their Primary Address information as a Residency at Work Address, as they tend to live in military accommodation. Given this we believe that the ALS information adequately approximate the available living address information. Personnel deployed on operations to an area away from their stationed location are shown against their most recent stationed

location. The Royal Navy/Royal Marines personnel on sea service are included against the local authority containing the home port of their ship.

Defence Statistics publish an annual Official Statistic on the location recorded for recipients of an Armed Forces Pension Scheme (AFPS 75 and AFPS 05) and/or an ongoing War Pension and/or those who have been awarded compensation under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS). It presents information down to local authority level (Table 3 of the Supplementary Tables). The latest update was published on 26 August 2021 (data as at 31 March 2021):

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/location-of-armed-forces-pension-and-compensation-recipients-2021>

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.

We will add you to our contact list so that we can inform you about updates to our statistical publications covering **Military Personnel**.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website.

Yours sincerely,

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