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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 29 January 2022 requesting the following information:

"I would like to request information regarding the following:

1) The statistics of injuries and/or diseases across all military personnel under the UK command structure whether at home or abroad reported across December 2020 to December 2021 compared to the previously held information 2011 - 2020

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/972351/20210325_Deaths_in_the_UK_Regular_Armed_Forces_2021_O.pdf and the FOI request FOI2021/15462

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1044433/PUBLIC_1639732622.pdf

On Monday the 24th January 2022 USA Senator Ron Johnson held a panel discussion *regarding the 'Covid-19 Vaccines' and the adverse events reported by the US DoD including but not limited to:*

300% increase in cancer diagnosis

1000% increase in neurological issues

269% increase in myocardial infarction

291% increase in Bell's palsy

156% increase in congenital malformations (for children of military personnel)

471% increase in female infertility

476% increase in pulmonary embolisms

(The article report citing these numbers can be found here: <https://www.theblaze.com/op-ed/horowitz-whistleblowers-share-dod-medical-data-that-blows-vaccine-safety-debate-wide-open>)

The entire 5 hour hearing can be found here: <https://rumble.com/vt62y6-covid-19-a-second-opinion.html>

2) I understand from FOI 2021/14842

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1044428/PUBLIC_1640086558_1_.pdf that at present 885 members of the armed forces have a Read code for declining a COVID-19 vaccination and do not have a subsequent record of receiving a COVID-19 vaccination. Thank you for providing this. I would like to know the following regarding specific vaccination status across all military personal under the UK command structure whether at home or abroad:

How many have received a single dose, two doses and three doses of the COVID-19 vaccinations.

How many of each specific vaccination has been administered (e.g., breakdown by 'brand' such as XXX Pfizer BioNtech have been administered, XXX Moderna have been administered...)

How many have reported injuries concurrent with the above list noted in the US Senate Ron Johnson panel discussion within 28 days of vaccination. Regardless of whether it was the first, second or third vaccine. As in, each individually administered vaccine to be counted, *rather than all three counted as the 'vaccine'. For example, an individual has an injury within 28 days after each, individual vaccine would count as 3 separate injuries rather than a single injury.*

How many have reported injuries concurrent with the above list noted in the US Senate Ron Johnson panel discussion after 28 days of vaccination. Regardless of whether it was the first, second or third vaccine. As in, each individually administered vaccine to be counted, *rather than all three counted as the 'vaccine'. For example, an individual has an injury after 28 days after each, individual vaccine would count as 3 separate injuries rather than a single injury."*

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

The Ministry of Defence requires further information in order to determine whether it holds information within the scope of your request. In particular, we require you to clarify the medical conditions in question: your request for 'cancer diagnosis', 'neurological issues' and 'female infertility' is very broad. A search for these broad terms will include many Read codes, and to identify all relevant codes and carry out subsequent data extraction will therefore likely exceed the cost limit under the FOIA. Please list specific medical conditions for cancer (e.g. breast cancer), neurological issues (e.g. epilepsy), and female infertility (e.g. endometriosis).

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) you may find it useful to note the following:

Within the context of your request, which involves linking to vaccines and vaccination timescales, we can consider supplying up to three distinct medical conditions within the cost limit under the FOIA.

Congenital malformation data is not held by the MOD. The MOD only holds limited medical records of children of military personnel who have been posted to another country, or who are registered at a small number of family practices within the UK. The majority of care to civilian family members of military personnel is provided by the NHS. Furthermore, from the centrally stored data it is not possible to link the centrally held coded records for children with a parent, so we are unable to determine the vaccination status of the parents of any child.

Please note that figures presented on some conditions (such as cancers) will be a minimum; this is because their diagnoses are made in secondary care (NHS or private hospitals). A hospital may then advise a military GP of a diagnosis in the form of a letter. A military GP can record this information in a number of ways: a paper letter may be filed in a paper medical record, a letter may be scanned into the electronic patient record (in a pdf format) or the GP may enter Read codes into the electronic patient record which can be searched for electronically. Defence Statistics Health are only able to identify conditions when a Read code has been entered into the electronic patient record. The NHS holds cancer registries which record all cases of cancer including military personnel. However, the MOD does not have access to this data and does not hold a separate cancer registry for military personnel.

Please also note that Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for central government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3.5 working days in determining whether the department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting it.

Please also note, any request which requires a manual search of records may exceed cost under the FOIA.

Information on Deaths in the UK Armed Forces by cause and year is due to be published by the MOD at 09:30 on Thursday 31st March 2022. Accompanying tables to this report present the data by single year from 2012 to 2021. This report will be available at the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/uk-armed-forces-deaths-in-service-statistics-index>.

Once you have clarified your request, I will be pleased to consider it again.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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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