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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 10 January 2022 requesting the following information:

- “1. Number of personnel (by trained status i.e. all, trained, untrained) that left service between 1 April 2007 to date (or as current a date as held) with a Wolverhampton address at the point of exit, by financial year and short postcode.
2. Of the above, the numbers that have been awarded under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) by tariff of injury as at most current date held.”

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that information in the scope of your request is held. Some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemptions provided for at section 40 (Personal Data) of the FOIA and has been withheld.

Section 40(2) has been applied to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 2018. This is also in line with JSP 200 Statistics Disclosure Guidelines. Figures fewer than 3 have been suppressed to reduce the possible inadvertent disclosure of individual identities; secondary suppression has been applied so numbers cannot be derived. 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.

Since 1 April 2007, **233** service personnel have left the UK regular armed forces with an exit postcode within the Wolverhampton area. Of these, **222** service personnel were trained (RN/RM and RAF) and trade trained (Army); the remaining **11** were untrained (RN/RM, RAF and Army) and trained (Army). Table 1 presents the number of personnel who left the UK regular armed forces by short postcode area and Table 2 presents the same personnel by financial year of exit.

Table 1: UK regular armed forces service leavers¹ with a Wolverhampton address, by short postcode, numbers².

01 April 2007 – 20 January 2022

Postcode	Service leavers
Total	233
WV1	12
WV2	13
WV3	17
WV4	22
WV6	29
WV8	~
WV9	10
WV10	62
WV11	33
WV12	~
WV13	3
WV14	28

Source: Joint Pensions Administration System (JPA)

1. Service leavers with a recorded exit date on 01 April 2007 or later.

2. In line with JSP 200 disclosure guidelines, figures fewer than 3 have been suppressed.

Table 2: UK regular armed forces service leavers¹ with a Wolverhampton address, by financial year², numbers³.

01 April 2007 – 20 January 2022

Financial Year	Service leavers
Total	233
2007/08	~
2008/09	0
2009/10	0
2010/11	~
2011/12	18
2012/13	25
2013/14	26
2014/15	28
2015/16	17
2016/17	17
2017/18	25
2018/19	22
2019/20	22
2020/21	20

Source: Joint Pensions Administration System (JPA)

1. Service leavers with a recorded exit date on 01 April 2007 or later.

2. In line with JSP 200 disclosure guidelines, figures fewer than 3 have been suppressed; secondary cell suppression has also been applied

Across all of the identified service leavers, **40¹** had an awarded claim under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) as at 31 March 2021. Table 3 presents the number of personnel awarded under the AFCS by awarded tariff.

¹ In line with JSP200 disclosure guidelines this figure is rounded to the nearest 5

Table 3: UK regular armed forces service leavers with a Wolverhampton address awarded an AFCS claim, by latest tariff², numbers^{3,4,5}.

06 April 2005 – 31 March 2021

Tariff	Awards
Total	40
1	0
2	0
3	0
4	0
5	0
6	0
7	0
8	~
9	0
10	~
11	~
12	10
13	25
14	15
15	5

Source: Compensation and Pension System (CAPS)

1. Personnel with a recorded exit date on or after 1 April 2007.
2. Latest outcome of the awarded claim as at 31 March 2021, which includes any subsequent activity following the initial claim.
3. Number of people awarded per tariff. Due to claimants being awarded at more than one claim, it is possible that the total may be less than the sum of the components.
4. In line with JSP 200 disclosure guidelines, figures have been rounded to the nearest five and those fewer than 3 have been suppressed. Due to rounding, Totals may not equate to 100% of the components.

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

For the purposes of this request, service leavers were defined as all service personnel who left the Regular UK armed forces and includes those who may have transitioned directly from the Regular services into another assignment type such as the Volunteer Reserves.

In most cases where there may be a risk of disclosure, numbers fewer than three have been suppressed and marked as '~'. Where there was only one number fewer than three, secondary suppression has been applied to the next smallest number so the number fewer than three can't be derived from totals or sub-totals.

Joint Personnel Administration (JPA) provides information on demographic information for UK Armed Forces personnel and was used to gather information on a person's training status. Trained strength comprises military personnel who have completed Phase 1 (basic service) and Phase 2 (trade) training for Royal Navy/Royal Marines, the Army (prior to 1 October 2016) and the Royal Air Force. Following the change in definition of trained strength for Army, from 1 October 2016, trained strength for the Army comprises of personnel who have completed Phase 1 training and trade trained strength for the Army comprises of personnel who have complete Phase 1 and 2.

Service leavers in Wolverhampton were identified by searching for exit postcodes within JPA that contained the first three or four digits of: DY3, WV1, WV2, WV3, WV4, WV6, WV7, WV8, WV9, WV10, WV11, WV12, WV13, WV14, WV16, WV98. Postcodes were taken from the Office for National Statistics definition of the Wolverhampton Local Authority boundary from the latest National Statistics Postcode Lookup published in November 2021: <https://geoportal.statistics.gov.uk/datasets/national-statistics-postcode-lookup-november-2021/about>.

Please note, not all service leavers provide an address on exit, therefore, these figures should be treated as a minimum.

The AFCS came into force on 6 April 2005 to pay compensation for injury, illness or death attributable to Service that occurred on or after that date. It replaced the previous compensation arrangements provided by the War Pensions Scheme (WPS) and the attributable elements of the Armed Forces Pensions Scheme.

AFCS data is sourced from the Compensation and Pension System (CAPS) which is administrated and managed by DBS Veterans UK. The Veterans UK finance team provided the financial amounts paid out in lump sum compensation and Guaranteed Income Payments (GIP).

Data were extracted from the CAPS as at 31 March 2021 to inform the latest published National Statistics, as published on the Gov.uk website on 24 June 2021:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/armed-forces-compensation-scheme-statistics-index>

Defence Statistics publish an annual National Statistic on claims and awards under the WPS:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/war-pension-recipients-index>

The latest update was published on 24 June 2021 (as at 31 March 2021).

Defence Statistics also publish an annual National Statistic on the location of armed forces compensation and pension recipients:

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

The latest update was published on 26 August 2021 (as at 31 March 2021).

Tax-free lump sum awards are paid to all service personnel and veterans as compensation for pain and suffering for an injury or illness that is predominantly caused or made worse by service. Lump sum awards can be made whilst the claimant is still in service. Where a lump sum award has been made at tariff levels 1-11 (reflecting a more serious injury/illness), the claimant will also be awarded a tax-free index-linked income stream known as a Guaranteed Income Payment (GIP). A GIP will be paid from service termination for life to recognise long-term loss of earnings.

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.

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 at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely

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