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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 8 July 2022 requesting the following information:

“Can you provide the amount of people serving in the Army navy Air force and marrines who have ADHD?”

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held.

As at 1 May 2022, **1,503** currently serving UK armed forces personnel had at least one Read code for ADHD entered into their electronic medical record. Of which:

- **159** were in the Royal Navy
- **39** were in the Royal Marines
- **1,214** were in the Army
- **91** were in the RAF

Under section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance), you may find it useful to note the following:

The figures provided in this response are for all UK armed forces trained and untrained, regular and reservist personnel in service as at 1 May 2022. This does not include entitled or non-entitled civilians, foreign service or non-UK military.

Reservist personnel have been included. However, please note that the majority of reservist personnel receive their primary medical care from the NHS. Any personnel who were only seen by the NHS regarding ADHD and have not informed the MOD were not included in the figures presented for the number of personnel with a Read code entered into their military medical record.

Information was derived from the Defence Medical Information Capability Programme (DMICP). DMICP has a centralised data warehouse of Read coded information. It is the source of electronic, integrated healthcare records for primary healthcare and some MOD specialist care providers from which searches can be run.

The following Read Codes were used to identify personnel with ADHD:

Read code	Description
6A61	Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder annual review
8BPT	Drug therapy ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder)
8BPT0	Stimulant drug therapy for ADHD
8BPT1	Non-stimulant drug therapy for ADHD
9Ngp	On drug ther ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder)

9Ngp0	On stim drug ther ADHD (attention def hyperactivity disorder)
9Ngp1	On non-stimulant drug therapy for ADHD
9OI8	ADHD monitoring invitation first letter
9OI9	ADHD monitoring invitation second letter
9OIA	ADHD monitoring invitation third letter
E2E00	Attention deficit without hyperactivity
E2E01	Attention deficit with hyperactivity
Eu900	[X]Disturbance of activity and attention
Eu900-1	[X]Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder
Eu902	[X]Deficits in attention, motor control and perception
Eu9y7	[X]Attention deficit disorder
EMISNQAT45	Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder review

Only information that is Read coded is available for electronic searches. To identify text or scanned information would require an individual review of each patient record.

DMICP is a live data source and is subject to change. Date of data extract 16 June 2022.

Joint Personnel Administration (JPA) is the most accurate source of demographic information for UK armed forces personnel and was used to gather information on service.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely,

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