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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 29 November 2022 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

*I would like to make an FoI request with regard to Veterans UK and their Medical Advisors. I would like to make it clear the information I am requesting in no way compromises their identity or personal security.*

*I would like to ask the following:*

1. *How many Specialist registered Orthopedic Surgeons are employed as MAs?*
2. *How many Specialist registered mental health professionals i.e Psychiatrist or Psychologists are employed as MAs*
3. *How many Specialist registered Neurologists are employed as MAs*
4. *Can I have a breakdown of the current specialist qualifications and or GP Registered of the MAs .*
5. *How many MAs are currently in November 2022 employed by Veterans UK*

*To confirm I do not need any personal details of the MAs only the generic details above.*

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 MOD and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held.

In response to requests 1-4 I can confirm that details of the Medical Advisors' (MAs) specialist qualifications are not held.

In response to request 5, I can confirm that there are currently 23 MAs employed by Defence Business Services. This figure includes a number of part time MAs.

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](mailto: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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