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Dear

Thank you for your email of 16 November 2022 requesting the following information:

"Any statistical figures/data you hold on type 2 diabetes from June 2019 till present for people living and working in the Falkland Islands"

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

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.

18 UK armed forces personnel who were deployed/stationed in the Falkland Islands between 1 June 2019 and 1 October 2022, had a Read code for Type 2 Diabetes entered into their electronic medical record prior to/during their time in the Falkland Islands.

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

The figures provided in this response are for UK armed forces trained and untrained, regular and reservist personnel. This does not include entitled or non-entitled civilians.

Reservist personnel have been included. However, the requestor should 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 this condition 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.

Personnel with type 2 diabetes were identified by searching for Read codes in their electronic medical records. Defence Statistics Health are only able to identify cases when a Read code has been entered into the electronic patient record.

The following read codes were used to identify Type 2 Diabetes from DMICP:

Code Description

C10F Type 2 diabetes mellitus C109-2 Type 2 diabetes mellitus

C109	Non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus
C1099	Non-insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus without complication
C10FL	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with persistent proteinuria
C109-3	Type II diabetes mellitus
C10F9	Type 2 diabetes mellitus without complication
C1099-1	Type II diabetes mellitus without complication
C109J	Insulin treated Type 2 diabetes mellitus
C10FJ	Insulin treated Type 2 diabetes mellitus
C1001-2	Non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus
C1090	Non-insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus with renal comps
C109-1	NIDDM - Non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus
C10F7	Type 2 diabetes mellitus - poor control
C10F-1	Type II diabetes mellitus
C1097	Non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus - poor control
C1097-2	Type 2 diabetes mellitus - poor control
C1099-2	Type 2 diabetes mellitus without complication
C109E	Non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus with diabetic cataract
C1094	Non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus with ulcer
C109C	Non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus with nephropathy
C10FR	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with gastroparesis
C10FN	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with ketoacidosis
C10F2	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with neurological complications
C10F0	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with renal complications
C10FF	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with peripheral angiopathy
C10D-1	Maturity onset diabetes in youth type 2
C10F1	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with ophthalmic complications
C10F6	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with retinopathy
C1097-1	Type II diabetes mellitus - poor control
C1093	Non-insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus with multi
C1091-2	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with ophthalmic complications
C10FM	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with persistent microalbuminuria

DMICP is a live data source and is subject to change. Date of extract 01 December 2022.

Joint Personnel Administration (JPA) is the most accurate source for demographic information for UK Armed Forces personnel and was used to gather information on a person's deployment.

Stationed location data is provided from 2007 and are based on the stationed location of the individual as recorded in the 'Assignment Location' field of the electronic administration records (JPA system).

The JPA `Move and Track` system has been used to identify deployed personnel. JPA is a combination of mandatory and non-mandatory fields populated by unit administrators and voluntary fields that armed forces personnel can choose to complete. Please note that the figures for personnel deployed to the Falkland Islands are a minimum, as additional backdated deployments may be recorded in the future.

Please note the latest date for which deployment and stationed location data are currently compiled is 1 October 2022.

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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