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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 17 March 2023 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), requesting the following information:

“Can I request a copies of all policies that allow medical advisors to try an change wielding on reports to weaken a Veterans statement of case and where it allows them to use seeing a gp or going to hospital or seeing family as a reason to try and weaken a claim and where this is also in policy documents .

I also require and foi done to show how many veterans competing at very high fitness and training levels at invictus and warrior games have had war disablement pension claims or AFCs claims re investigated for doing sports and also social engagement and also able to travel across the world .”

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 no information in scope of your request is held.

Under Section 16 of the FOIA (Advice and Assistance) you may wish to know that no policies have been constructed to impair or invalidate an Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) claim. The AFCS was set up to assist and ensure valid claims receive the compensation that the claimant is entitled to. More information about the AFCS can be found at the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/armed-forces-compensation-scheme-afcs>

The Invictus is a freestanding, independent organisation and a Registered Charity No. 1159482. MOD therefore does not hold information on Invictus’s athletes.

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,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the sender.

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