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10 May 2023

Dear [REDACTED]

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

*I would like to find out the following:*

- *How many people from the Armed forces left the service in 2020-2023 with a breakdown each year and resettled within Southampton?*
- *How many people from the Armed forces left the service in 2020-2023 with a breakdown each year and resettled in Hampshire?*
- *How many people from the Armed forces left the service in 2020-2023 with a breakdown each year and resettled in West Sussex?*
- *How many people from the Armed forces left the service in 2020-2023 with a breakdown each year and resettled in Dorset?*
- *How many people from the Armed forces left the service in 2020-2023 with a breakdown each year and resettled in Wiltshire?*
- *How many people from the Armed forces left the service in 2020-2023 with a breakdown each year and resettled in Portsmouth?*
- *How many people from the Armed forces left the service in 2020-2023 with a breakdown each year and resettled in Bournemouth?*
- *How many people from the Armed forces left the service in 2020-2023 with a breakdown each year and resettle in the south of England?*

And clarification on 17 April 2023, confirming:

*Thank you for your response and apologies for the delayed response, please find attached a document with all the postcodes I need for this request.*

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

A response to the above request can be found below:

Terminated During FY	Number Discharged						
	Wiltshire	Dorset	West Sussex	Hampshire	Bournemouth	Southampton	Portsmouth
2020/21	351	93	88	400	61	77	243
2021/22	374	127	105	528	82	102	311
2022/23	561	160	139	684	122	140	403

The above figures are based on the resettlement post discharge post code fields which were filtered using the supplied postcodes. The data was taken from the Joint Personnel Administration system on 20 April 2023.

Please note, no results for the "South of England" have been provided as the post codes of N, E and W were too generic to complete an accurate search.

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) it may be helpful if I explain that using the post codes you provided for the "South of England" N, E, and W returned not just South of England but produced data for Cheshire, East Yorkshire, Greater London, Greater Manchester, Hertfordshire, Lancashire, Londonderry, Merseyside, Middlesex, North Yorkshire, Shropshire, South Yorkshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, West Midlands, West Yorkshire and Worcestershire.

In order to complete a search for data we would need at least the first 2 Characters of the 'N', 'E' and 'W' postcodes for the South of England.

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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