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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 8 August 2023 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

“The number of UK Armed Forces Veterans awarded compensation under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme for mental disorders in each of the last five years. Please provide a breakdown by gender.”

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 Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that all of the information in scope of your request is held.

The MOD has interpreted your request as the number of veterans who made an Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) claim and were awarded under the Mental Disorder tariff of injury table. Table 1 shows between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2023 there were 1,002 (923 male and 79 female) veterans who made an AFCS claim and were awarded compensation under the Mental Disorder tariff of injury table.

Table 1: UK armed forces veterans who made an AFCS claim and were awarded compensation under the Mental Disorder tariff of injury table by financial year¹ and gender, numbers

1 April 2018 - 31 March 2023

Gender	Total	2018/19 ¹	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Male	923	212	215	185	180	131
Female	79	23	14	15	12	15

Source: Compensation and Pension System (CAPS)

1. Presented by financial year in which the claim was awarded.

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) you may wish to note that the AFCS came into force on 6 April 2005 to pay compensation for injury, illness or death attributable to Service that occurred on or after that date. It replaced the previous compensation arrangements provided by the War Pensions Scheme (WPS) and the attributable elements of the Armed Forces Pensions Scheme.

Data used for this request presents the latest claim outcome which refers to the latest outcome of the injury/illness claim recorded on the CAPS as at 31 March 2023, including later changes to initial claim outcomes following reconsiderations, appeals and/or reviews. This outcome may also change in the future if the injury/ illness is further reconsidered, appealed and/or reviewed.

This analysis only includes claims that were registered post-service and those automatically raised by the MOD for eligible personnel following medical discharge; it does not include claims that were made whilst in-service. Therefore, it does not include veterans who made an in-service claim but were subsequently awarded after leaving service. Please note, Defence Statistics are currently investigating a potential data quality issue with the in-service/post-service marker and numbers may change in the future.

Data was extracted from the Compensation and Pension System (CAPS) as at 31 March 2023 to inform the latest published National Statistics. The most recent National Statistic as published on the GOV.UK website on 6 July 2023:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/armed-forces-compensation-scheme-statistics-index>

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.

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Yours sincerely,



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