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Dear [Redacted],

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 12 September 2022 in which you requested the following information:

‘Could you please provide me with the number of service personnel who have tested positive for Covid-19 over the last 18 months.

Could you please break this information down by vaccine status (i.e. how many people infected have had 0, 1, 2 or 3 vaccines against COVID-19).’

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

A search has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

In response to your request, I can confirm that between 1 March 2021 and 1 September 2022, a total of 7,097 Royal Navy (RN) and Royal Marines (RM) personnel had a Read code for COVID-19 entered into their electronic medical record. The vaccination status for those individuals, as of 26 August 2022 is as follows:

Number of Vaccines	Number of Personnel
3 Vaccines	5,155
2 Vaccines	1,431
1 Vaccine	160
0 Vaccine	351

Under section 16 (Advice and Assistance) of the Act, you may wish to know that the figures provided in this response are for all RN and RM trained and untrained, regular and reservist personnel in service between 1 March 2021 and 1 September 2022.

Individuals may have more than one positive test result recorded in Defence Medical Information Capability Programme (DMICP) and/or a Notification of Casualty (NOTICAS) for a hospital admission during the reporting period, but personnel have only been counted once in the numbers presented.

Reservist personnel have been included. However, please note that most reservist personnel receive their primary medical care from the NHS. Any personnel who were only seen by the NHS regarding positive tests or vaccinations for COVID-19 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.

Please note that the figures for vaccination status correspond to the number of vaccines they had received before 26 August 2022, and not the number of vaccines they had received at the time of infection with COVID-19.

You may also be interested to know that the number of positive cases in the UK armed forces are published in the COVID-19 Tests in Defence and Positive Cases in UK Armed Forces official statistic:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/number-of-covid-19-tests-in-defence-and-positive-cases-in-the-uk-armed-forces-2022>

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.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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