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Thank you for your request concerning military veterans accessing our services.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

1) How many military veterans in your area (both in your care and in wider society) have taken their own lives or are suspected of having taking their own lives in each of the following years?

We are unable to provide this information as it is not held in a reportable electronic format. To supply the information requested would involve manually cross referencing each suspected suicide incident against the patient record and then reviewing. To carry out this task would exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450¹.

Under section 12 of the FOIA a public authority does not have to comply with a request for information if the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit. For example based on the numbers from 2010/11 up to 2018 there were 271 attempted suicides and 180 which received a suicide conclusion at inquest. This would mean looking at each record to see if they were military veterans. It is estimated that it would take approximately 10 minutes to manually review and cross reference each individual record to extract the information, i.e. 36 hours @ £25ph = £904.16 for attempted suicides and 30 hours @ £25ph = £750.00 for those who received a suicide conclusion at inquest.

¹ Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act allows public authorities to refuse to answer requests for information if the cost of complying would exceed the 'appropriate limit' prescribed in the Fees Regulations.

2) How many military veterans have accessed NHS mental health services or the Military Veterans' Service in your area each of those years?

Number of Veterans accessing our Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) service

Financial Year	East & North Herts	West Herts	Mid Essex	North Essex	West Essex	Grand Total
2010/2011	14	20	17	24	*	75
2011/2012	24	33	43	70		170
2012/2013	93	118	85	161		457
2013/2014	102	87	82	146		417
2014/2015	73	88	40	72	3	276
2015/2016	114	132	67	118	65	496
2016/2017	129	144	90	153	104	620
2017/2018	131	131	76	192	94	624
2018/2019	17	26	11	35	15	104
Grand Total	697	779	511	971	281	3239

* West Essex was not part of HPFT until 2015/16.

3) How many military veterans accessing those services have been treated for PTSD?

Number of military veterans accessing the above services with an IDC10 code of F43.1: Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Diagnosis.

Financial Year	East & North Herts	West Herts	Mid Essex	North Essex	West Essex	Grand Total
2010/2011	1	1	0	0	*	2
2011/2012	0	0	1	7		8
2012/2013	8	7	1	9		25
2013/2014	9	11	1	9		30
2014/2015	4	7	2	3		16
2015/2016	11	7	7	5	6	36
2016/2017	11	8	13	12	7	51
2017/2018	4	5	8	29	4	50
2018/2019	0	0	0	1	1	2
Grand Total	48	46	33	75	18	220

Should you require further clarification or please do not hesitate to contact me. Should you wish to pursue Question 1 please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss the associated costings.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

Sue Smith

**Sue Smith
Information Rights Officer**

Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).

