

**Defence Analytical Services & Advice (DASA)**  
**Health Information as at February 2013**

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**Information based on recipients in Kent, Surrey and Sussex claiming:  
Armed Forces Pension Scheme (AFPS)  
Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS)  
War Pension Scheme (WPS)**

1. DASA do not hold information on the number of Veterans living in these areas but are able to provide the following:

The number ex-Service personnel in receipt of

- i. an ongoing war pension under the War Pension Scheme (WPS) as at: 31 March 2012)
  - ii. the number of ex-Service personnel who have been awarded compensation under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) as at 30 September 2012 for an injury/illness attributable to Service, in Kent, Surrey, East Sussex and West Sussex, broken down by local authority.
  - iii. the number of recipients of payments under the Armed Forces Pension Scheme (AFPS) in Kent, Surrey, East Sussex and West Sussex, as at 12 July 2011, broken down by local authority.
2. Please note that individuals can be in receipt of payments under more than one of these schemes simultaneously. Therefore the numbers reported in the next three paragraphs should not be added together in attempt to provide a 'total'.
  3. As at 31 March 2012 (the latest date for which WPS data is available) the following numbers were in receipt of an ongoing war pension under the WPS for an injury/illness attributable to Service

§ **2,945** disablement pensioners with a contact address in Kent,

§ **1,625** in Surrey

§ **1,090** in East Sussex

§ **1,585** in West Sussex

4. As at 30 September 2012 (the latest date for which AFCS data is available) the following numbers had been awarded compensation under the AFCS for an injury/illness attributable to Service:

§ **90** ex-Service personnel with a contact address in Kent

§ **95** in Surrey

§ **15** in East Sussex

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§ **75** in West Sussex

5. As at 12 July 2011 (the latest date for which AFPS data is available) the following numbers were in receipt of an occupational pension under the AFPS.

§ **10,035** individuals with a contact address in Kent

§ **4,760** in Surrey

§ **3,120** in East Sussex

§ **4,890** in West Sussex

6. **Table 1** below provides the numbers of ex-Service personnel in receipt of payments/awarded compensation under the War Pension Scheme (WPS), Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) and Armed Forces Pension Scheme (AFPS), in Kent, Surrey, East Sussex and West Sussex, broken down by local authority.

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**Table 1: WPS, AFCS and AFPS recipients by location, numbers.**

| County      | Local authority       | WPS          | AFCS       | AFPS          |
|-------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------|---------------|
| <b>All</b>  |                       | <b>7,535</b> | <b>275</b> | <b>22,800</b> |
| Kent        | <b>All</b>            | <b>2,945</b> | <b>90</b>  | <b>10,035</b> |
|             | Ashford               | 250          | 5          | 690           |
|             | Canterbury            | 385          | 20         | 910           |
|             | Dartford              | 85           | ~          | 185           |
|             | Dover                 | 465          | 10         | 1,400         |
|             | Gravesham             | 95           | ~          | 265           |
|             | Maidstone             | 260          | 10         | 785           |
|             | Medway                | 515          | 0          | 1,985         |
|             | Sevenoaks             | 155          | ~          | 305           |
|             | Shepway               | 355          | 15         | 1,125         |
|             | Swale                 | 210          | ~          | 670           |
|             | Thanet                | 385          | 5          | 905           |
|             | Tonbridge and Malling | 180          | ~          | 435           |
|             | Tunbridge Wells       | 125          | ~          | 370           |
| Surrey      | <b>All</b>            | <b>1,625</b> | <b>95</b>  | <b>4,760</b>  |
|             | Elmbridge             | 145          | 5          | 340           |
|             | Epsom and Ewell       | 80           | 0          | 125           |
|             | Guildford             | 220          | 55         | 760           |
|             | Mole Valley           | 130          | ~          | 255           |
|             | Reigate and Banstead  | 150          | ~          | 345           |
|             | Runnymede             | 90           | ~          | 205           |
|             | Spelthorne            | 125          | ~          | 255           |
|             | Surrey Heath          | 165          | 20         | 905           |
|             | Tandridge             | 110          | ~          | 250           |
|             | Waverley              | 280          | ~          | 920           |
|             | Woking                | 120          | ~          | 395           |
| East Sussex | <b>All</b>            | <b>1,380</b> | <b>15</b>  | <b>3,115</b>  |
|             | Brighton and Hove     | 290          | ~          | 580           |
|             | Eastbourne            | 225          | ~          | 505           |
|             | Hastings              | 140          | ~          | 330           |
|             | Lewes                 | 200          | 0          | 440           |
|             | Rother                | 240          | 5          | 505           |
|             | Wealden               | 290          | ~          | 755           |
| West Sussex | <b>All</b>            | <b>1,585</b> | <b>75</b>  | <b>4,890</b>  |
|             | Adur                  | 135          | ~          | 315           |
|             | Arun                  | 410          | ~          | 1,185         |
|             | Chichester            | 265          | 15         | 1,375         |
|             | Crawley               | 160          | 45         | 295           |
|             | Horsham               | 205          | ~          | 705           |
|             | Mid Sussex            | 210          | ~          | 495           |
|             | Worthing              | 200          | ~          | 525           |

*In line with DASA's rounding policy for WPS, AFCS and AFPS data, all figures of five or more have been rounded to the nearest five and figures fewer than five have been suppressed and marked ~.*

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7. In addition to the information provided in this response, DASA are also investigating the following sources of information on veterans:
  - a. DASA have recently sourced data on the most recent home contact address provided by UK Armed Forces personnel prior to them leaving the Services. We are investigating the feasibility of collating and publishing this information as part of a larger dataset.
  - b. DASA are working with the Office for National Statistics to explore the inclusion of an Armed Forces Community identifier in household surveys. This may enable the total population of veterans residing in private households within the UK, and smaller geographic areas, to be estimated.

**Background notes**

WPS and AFCS:

8. The War Pensions Scheme (WPS) provides no-fault compensation for all ex-service personnel where illness, injury or death is caused by Service from the start of the First World War in 1914 up until 5 April 2005.
9. The Armed Forces and Reserve Forces Compensation Scheme (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.
10. The figures presented are based on data stored on the Service Personnel and Veterans Agency's War Pensions Computer System (WPCS) and Compensation and Pension System (CAPS).
11. The figures provided for WPS and AFCS have been based on the contact address recorded by SPVA at the time a claim is made. Please note that once a case is closed, the contact address is not always updated and therefore may not be the current address for individuals who have moved.
12. Please note that contact address information is not complete for all records on the Compensation and pension system (CAPS) and the War Pension Computer System (WPCS) and therefore the figures provided should be treated as the minimum level of recipients in Kent, Surrey, East Sussex and West Sussex.
13. Please note that under the AFCS individuals can make a claim and be awarded lump sum compensation while still in Service. Therefore to identify veterans, we have identified individuals who did not appear on our latest Armed Forces population data (as at 1 January 2013).

AFPS:

14. There are a number of different occupational pension schemes available to Armed Forces personnel. The Armed Forces Pension Scheme data presented cover Armed

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Forces Pension Scheme 1975 (AFPS 75) and Armed Forces Pensions Scheme 2005 (AFPS 05). AFPS 75 pension benefits are based on rank and length of Service. All personnel serving between 6 April 1975 and 6 April 2005 will have served under the AFPS 75 scheme. AFPS 05 pension benefits are based on length of Service and final salary, and personnel who joined after 6 April 2005 will be serving under the AFPS 05 scheme. Further details of these schemes can be found on the MOD website ([www.mod.uk](http://www.mod.uk)).

15. Please note that Service personnel need to have at least two years' reckonable service before they are entitled to receive benefits on either pension scheme. Therefore the figures provided will not include anyone who left with less than two years of Service. The figures do not include personnel who are eligible for future pension payments but are not yet in receipt of AFPS payments.
16. The figures provided for AFPS have been based on the contact address recorded by SPVA as at 12 July 2011. Please note that the contact address is not always immediately updated and therefore may not be the current address for individuals who have moved.

General Notes:

17. In line with DASA's rounding policy, all figures of five or more have been rounded to the nearest 5 and figures fewer than five have been suppressed and marked ~. Figures may not sum to totals due to rounding.

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