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Dear Joanne,

Thank you for your enquiry of 22 August 2022 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), in which you asked the following:

***“I am looking for information in regards to if a applicant can continue pass medical stage if they are a male on replacement testosterone therapy. I cannot see anything in the JSP950 in relation to this”***

The MOD can confirm that your enquiry is being treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. The MOD can confirm that it holds information within the scope of your request.

The Medical Employment Standards (MES) for the UK Armed Forces are contained in Joint Service Publication 950 Leaflet 6-7-7. Enclosed is the latest version. Annex H of Section 8 sets out the MES relating to replacement testosterone therapy.

In summary, those with pituitary hyposecretion requiring regular medication are normally considered medically unfit for service. Other conditions requiring replacement testosterone therapy may be considered following consultation with the Armed Forces occupational medicine consultant responsible for recruitment.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office.

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Yours sincerely,

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