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Thank you for your email dated 10 January 2018. You asked:

***Please can you provide information on whether the UK Ministry of Defence uses battle-dress uniforms that are impregnated with the insecticide permethrin (or other pyrethroid) for use in (sub)-tropical countries in order to protect against vector-borne diseases carried by insects such as mosquitoes and ticks.***

***If uniforms are impregnated with permethrin (or other pyrethroid) please can you provide the name and address of the companies which supply the UK army with these impregnated uniforms?***

I am treating your email as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD), and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

UK Armed Forces use the multi-terrain pattern (MTP) combat clothing designed to blend with a range of environments such as woodland, jungle, compounds, crops, grassland and arid stone.

MTP cloth used to make combat jackets, trousers and under body armour combat shirts for use in warm/hot weather conditions is treated with Permethrin insecticide. These items are provided under contract by Cooneen Defence:

Cooneen Defence  
23 Cooneen Road  
Fivemiletown  
County Tyrone  
Northern Ireland  
BT75 0NE

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

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Yours Sincerely,

  
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