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# **Evidence based findings about the veteran population in England's South East**

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# 1. Estimates of working age veterans (2011)

	Working age veterans	Residents aged 16 to 64	Veterans as % of all residents aged 16 to 64	Male working age veterans	Male veterans as % of all working age veterans	Female working age veterans	Female veterans as % of all working age veterans
<b>ENGLAND AND WALES</b>	745,765	36,273,707	2.06%	684,070	91.73%	61,695	8.27%
<b>ENGLAND</b>	697,427	34,329,091	2.03%	639,745	91.73%	57,680	8.27%
<b>SOUTH EAST</b>	121,472	5,510,646	2.20%	110,975	91.36%	10,495	8.64%
<b>Bracknell Forest</b>	1,760	75,596	2.33%	1,640	93.18%	120	6.82%
<b>Brighton and Hove</b>	1,990	193,332	1.03%	1,775	89.20%	215	10.80%
<b>Isle of Wight</b>	2,252	82,635	2.73%	2,070	92.00%	185	8.22%
<b>Medway</b>	4,151	173,506	2.39%	3,885	93.61%	265	6.39%
<b>Milton Keynes</b>	3,139	165,918	1.89%	2,880	91.72%	260	8.28%
<b>Portsmouth</b>	5,083	139,844	3.63%	4,545	89.38%	540	10.62%
<b>Reading</b>	1,412	107,750	1.31%	1,285	91.13%	130	9.22%
<b>Slough</b>	780	93,821	<1%	720	92.31%	60	7.69%
<b>Southampton</b>	2,659	164,758	1.61%	2,440	91.73%	220	8.27%
<b>West Berkshire</b>	2,291	99,105	2.31%	2,115	92.36%	180	7.86%
<b>Windsor and Maidenhead</b>	1,597	91,823	1.74%	1,465	91.85%	130	8.15%
<b>Wokingham</b>	1,720	99,221	1.73%	1,595	92.73%	125	7.27%
<b>Buckinghamshire</b>	5,696	319,083	1.79%	5,095	89.46%	605	10.62%
• Aylesbury Vale	2,591	112,531	2.30%	2,305	89.00%	285	11.00%
• Chiltern	788	55,711	1.41%	715	90.51%	75	9.49%
• South Bucks	555	41,250	1.35%	515	92.79%	40	7.21%
• Wycombe	1,762	109,591	1.61%	1,560	88.64%	200	11.36%
<b>East Sussex</b>	5,916	315,752	1.87%	5,475	92.56%	440	7.44%
• Eastbourne	1,186	60,388	1.96%	1,080	91.14%	105	8.86%
• Hastings	1,082	58,087	1.86%	1,015	93.98%	65	6.02%
• Lewes	1,075	58,380	1.84%	990	92.09%	85	7.91%
• Rother	967	50,596	1.91%	905	93.78%	65	6.74%
• Wealden	1,606	88,301	1.82%	1,490	92.83%	120	7.48%
<b>Hampshire</b>	31,504	828,011	3.80%	28,435	90.26%	3,070	9.74%
• Basingstoke and Deane	2,912	109,796	2.65%	2,675	91.92%	235	8.08%
• East Hampshire	2,482	71,716	3.46%	2,275	91.73%	205	8.27%

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• Eastleigh	1,983	80,651	2.46%	1820	91.69%	165	8.31%
• Fareham	4,152	69,377	5.98%	3700	89.16%	450	10.84%
• Gosport	4,867	52,296	9.31%	4215	86.64%	650	13.36%
• Hart	1,723	57,663	2.99%	1545	89.57%	180	10.43%
• Havant	2,875	73,382	3.92%	2645	92.00%	230	8.00%
• New Forest	2,791	103,372	2.70%	2605	93.37%	185	6.63%
• Rushmoor	2,751	63,410	4.34%	2465	89.64%	285	10.36%
• Test Valley	2,825	73,017	3.87%	2575	91.15%	250	8.85%
• Winchester	2,143	73,331	2.92%	1910	89.04%	230	10.72%
<b>Kent</b>	18,746	917,880	2.04%	17485	93.28%	1,260	6.72%
• Ashford	1,797	73,443	2.45%	1685	93.87%	110	6.13%
• Canterbury	1,684	97,526	1.73%	1570	93.18%	115	6.82%
• Dartford	900	63,390	1.42%	835	92.78%	65	7.22%
• Dover	2,149	68,865	3.12%	2000	93.02%	150	6.98%
• Gravesham	886	64,674	1.37%	820	92.66%	65	7.34%
• Maidstone	1,998	98,962	2.02%	1875	93.75%	125	6.25%
• Sevenoaks	1,057	70,814	1.49%	995	94.31%	65	6.16%
• Shepway	1,844	66,345	2.78%	1710	92.68%	135	7.32%
• Swale	1,975	85,916	2.30%	1830	92.66%	145	7.34%
• Thanet	1,966	80,143	2.45%	1845	93.89%	120	6.11%
• Tonbridge and Malling	1,423	75,394	1.89%	1335	93.68%	90	6.32%
• Tunbridge Wells	1,067	72,408	1.47%	995	93.43%	75	7.04%
<b>Oxfordshire</b>	9,457	427,816	2.21%	8420	89.05%	1,040	11.00%
• Cherwell	2,301	91,723	2.51%	2090	90.87%	210	9.13%
• Oxford	895	110,085	<1%	785	87.71%	110	12.29%
• South Oxfordshire	1,931	83,852	2.30%	1725	89.38%	205	10.62%
• Vale of White Horse	2,155	76,106	2.83%	1,920	89.10%	235	10.90%
• West Oxfordshire	2,175	66,050	3.29%	1,900	87.36%	275	12.64%
<b>Surrey</b>	11,472	719,433	1.59%	10,470	91.28%	1,000	8.72%
• Elmbridge	1,034	81,487	1.27%	940	90.82%	95	9.18%
• Epsom and Ewell	574	47,796	1.20%	530	92.17%	40	6.96%
• Guildford	1,583	91,196	1.74%	1,445	91.17%	135	8.52%

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• Mole Valley	809	51,906	1.56%	740	91.36%	70	8.64%
• Reigate and Banstead	1,347	87,992	1.53%	1,230	91.45%	120	8.92%
• Runnymede	692	53,185	1.30%	630	91.30%	65	9.42%
• Spelthorne	853	61,409	1.39%	800	93.57%	55	6.43%
• Surrey Heath	1,438	54,897	2.62%	1,285	89.24%	155	10.76%
• Tandridge	821	51,567	1.59%	760	92.68%	60	7.32%
• Waverley	1,368	73,656	1.86%	1,240	90.51%	130	9.49%
• Woking	953	64,342	1.48%	880	92.15%	75	7.85%
<b>West Sussex</b>	9,847	495,362	1.99%	9,190	93.35%	655	6.65%
• Adur	708	37,145	1.91%	665	93.66%	45	6.34%
• Arun	1,959	86,836	2.26%	1,825	93.11%	135	6.89%
• Chichester	1,621	67,267	2.41%	1,490	91.98%	130	8.02%
• Crawley	1,214	71,081	1.71%	1,135	93.42%	80	6.58%
• Horsham	1,623	81,188	2.00%	1,525	93.85%	95	5.85%
• Mid Sussex	1,442	87,448	1.65%	1,350	93.75%	90	6.25%
• Worthing	1,280	64,397	1.99%	1,200	93.75%	80	6.25%

*Adapted from Census 2011: Working age UK armed forces veterans residing in England and Wales.*

*Due to rounding, percentages may not always add up to 100%.*

*This work uses research datasets which may not exactly reproduce National Statistics aggregates.*

## 2. Military pension and compensation recipients (2017)

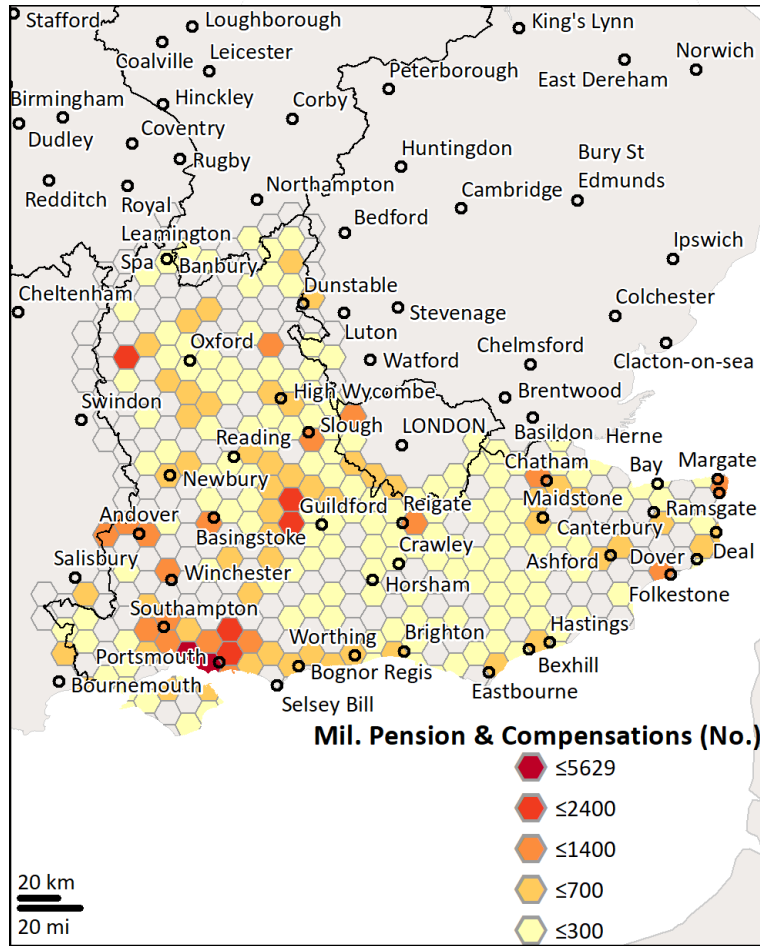
	All	Of which veterans	All AFPS	All WPS	WPS: Veterans (Disablement Pensioners)	WPS: War Widow(er)s	WPS: Other War Pensioners	All AFCS	AFCS: Serving Personnel	AFCS: Veterans
<b>UK</b>	405,019	374,023	307,085	113,292	96,835	15,937	520	32,599	15,222	17,377
<b>ENGLAND</b>	333,131	306,974	253,530	90,083	76,503	13,163	417	27,889	13,150	14,739
<b>South East</b>	70,013	64,073	55,107	15,645	12,714	2,870	61	6,200	3,133	3,067
Bracknell Forest	860	763	634	149	128	21	0	154	76	78
Reading	410	378	303	118	95	~	~	33	9	24
Slough	212	197	162	53	40	13	0	10	~	~
West Berkshire	1,074	966	851	215	175	~	~	109	69	40
Windsor and Maidenhead	916	781	577	192	166	26	0	229	109	120
Wokingham	953	816	697	198	151	~	~	143	94	49
Aylesbury Vale	1,351	1,256	1,111	219	178	41	0	128	59	69
Chiltern	313	281	226	93	71	22	0	15	10	5
Milton Keynes	997	949	799	238	199	~	~	40	9	31
South Bucks	212	191	155	70	51	19	0	7	~	~
Wycombe	1,070	990	889	186	152	~	~	83	50	33
Brighton and Hove	643	571	414	244	181	~	~	26	10	16
Eastbourne	531	489	391	181	147	34	0	17	8	9
Hastings	361	326	256	127	99	28	0	11	7	4
Lewes	462	419	323	164	129	35	0	16	8	8
Rother	546	509	381	204	169	~	~	13	~	~
Wealden	809	740	599	270	214	56	0	25	13	12
Basingstoke and Deane	1,351	1,284	1,125	310	262	~	~	72	22	50
East Hampshire	1,998	1,885	1,711	352	288	58	6	130	54	76
Eastleigh	1,046	983	848	266	220	~	~	40	19	21
Fareham	4,094	3,905	3,711	625	510	112	3	145	81	64
Gosport	4,526	4,275	4,090	681	561	~	~	242	135	107
Hart	1,502	1,334	1,132	246	213	33	0	272	138	134
Havant	2,493	2,345	2,169	512	400	112	0	79	38	41
New Forest	1,923	1,747	1,468	463	380	~	~	193	96	97

Portsmouth	3,779	3,496	3,174	634	507	121	6	345	165	180
Rushmoor	2,219	1,848	1,436	322	289	~	~	703	343	360
Southampton	980	914	767	257	216	~	~	62	26	36
Test Valley	2,469	2,285	2,097	471	399	~	~	211	124	87
Winchester	1,699	1,549	1,398	324	250	~	~	147	79	68
Isle of Wight	1,341	1,268	1,051	375	316	~	~	39	15	24
Ashford	741	685	563	220	185	~	~	56	23	33
Canterbury	1,045	936	721	344	285	59	0	93	50	43
Dartford	239	210	166	86	64	22	0	20	7	13
Dover	1,363	1,288	1,074	411	362	~	~	51	27	24
Gravesham	288	264	215	85	67	18	0	15	7	8
Maidstone	879	781	619	239	186	~	~	118	46	72
Medway	1,872	1,773	1,546	458	406	52	0	109	50	59
Sevenoaks	324	284	208	127	95	~	~	14	9	5
Shepway	1,241	1,116	916	320	282	38	0	136	89	47
Swale	691	653	535	196	168	28	0	23	11	12
Thanet	1,026	968	763	325	275	~	~	32	9	23
Tonbridge and Malling	489	446	353	158	127	~	~	28	12	16
Tunbridge Wells	337	303	235	109	80	~	~	16	5	11
Cherwell	1,285	1,193	1,040	244	210	~	~	127	60	67
Oxford	259	236	190	76	60	~	~	13	7	6
South Oxfordshire	1,176	1,029	902	194	154	~	~	180	110	70
Vale of White Horse	1,613	1,413	1,189	258	208	50	0	305	155	150
West Oxfordshire	2,189	1,971	1,822	256	212	44	0	277	181	96
Elmbridge	345	303	235	119	86	~	~	27	10	17
Epsom and Ewell	165	148	110	69	53	16	0	5	~	~
Guildford	999	859	590	217	170	47	0	281	99	182
Mole Valley	301	259	201	97	75	~	~	33	20	13
Reigate and Banstead	401	357	266	147	106	~	~	16	3	13
Runnymede	229	204	168	72	56	16	0	16	10	6
Spelthorne	284	259	192	109	87	22	0	13	3	10
Surrey Heath	889	800	693	167	138	~	~	118	62	56
Tandridge	274	236	178	111	78	33	0	10	5	5
Waverley	792	718	603	243	187	~	~	31	19	12

Woking	390	367	315	93	78	15	0	18	8	10
Adur	308	277	221	108	82	26	0	13	5	8
Arun	1,216	1,115	935	376	286	~	~	25	13	12
Chichester	1,354	1,191	1,020	258	203	~	~	182	111	71
Crawley	~	~	~	52	43	9	0	4	0	4
Horsham	697	644	543	195	151	44	0	16	9	7
Mid Sussex	501	445	353	179	133	46	0	17	12	5
Worthing	521	461	377	168	120	48	0	23	12	11

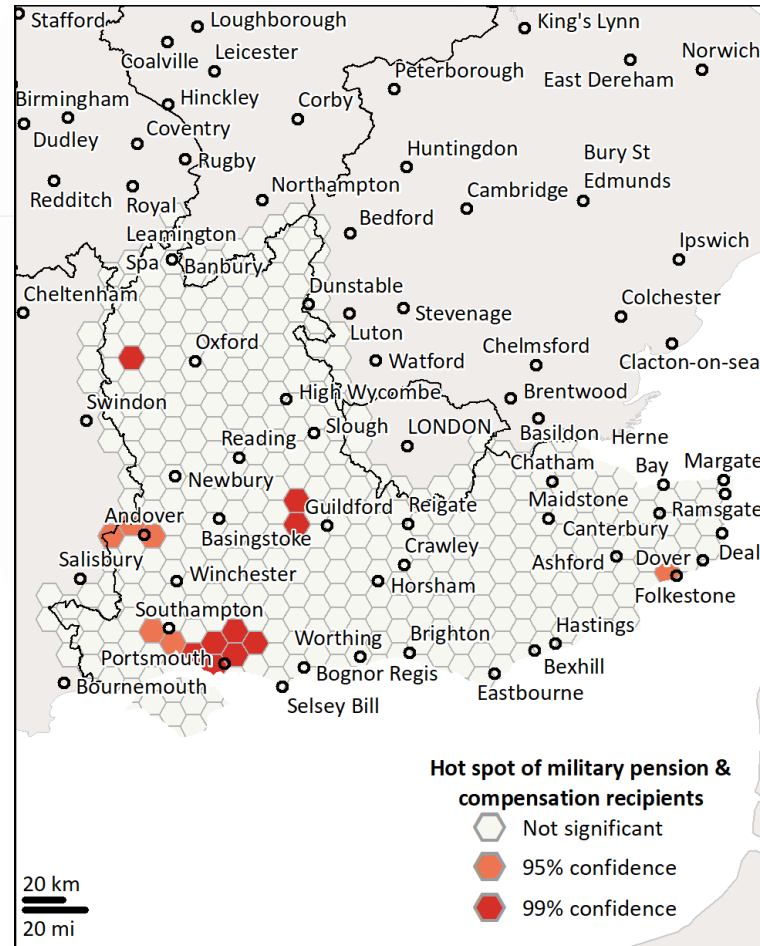
*Adapted from UK Location of Armed Forces Pension and Compensation Recipients.  
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Military pensions & compensations in the South East (2017).



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Hot spots of military pension & compensation recipients (2017).



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The figure above shows the main areas where military pension & compensation recipients were located. The location of the hot spots is the result of a spatial pattern that could not have happened by random chance.

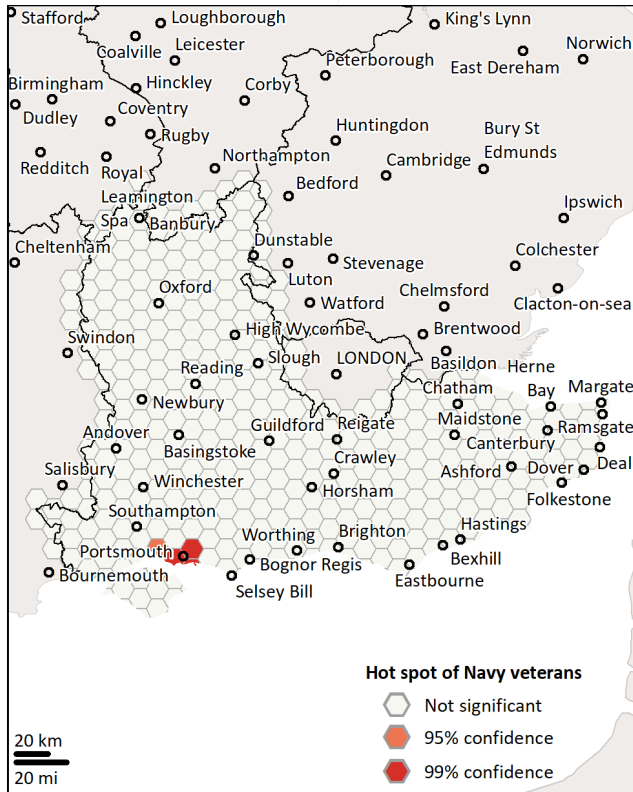
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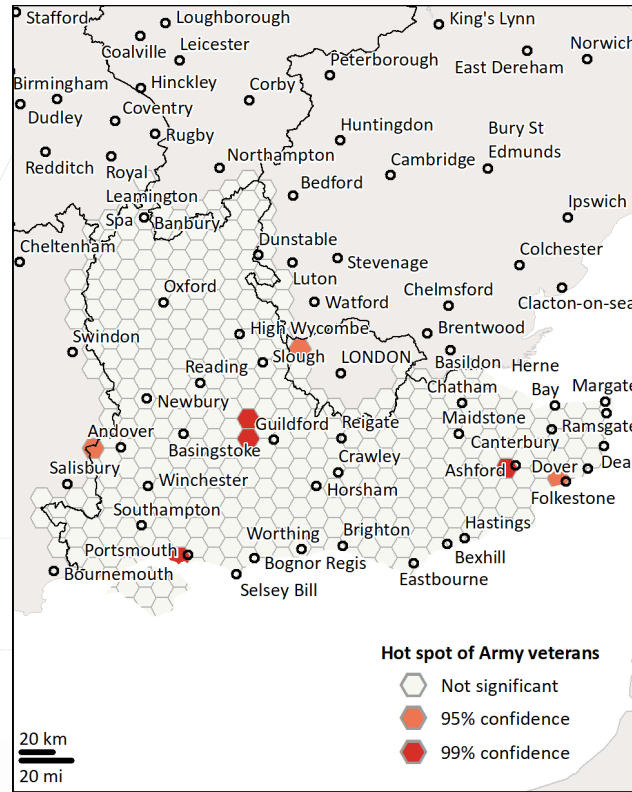
# 3. Financial hardship (2015/17)

Hot spots of recipients of funding: Navy veterans.



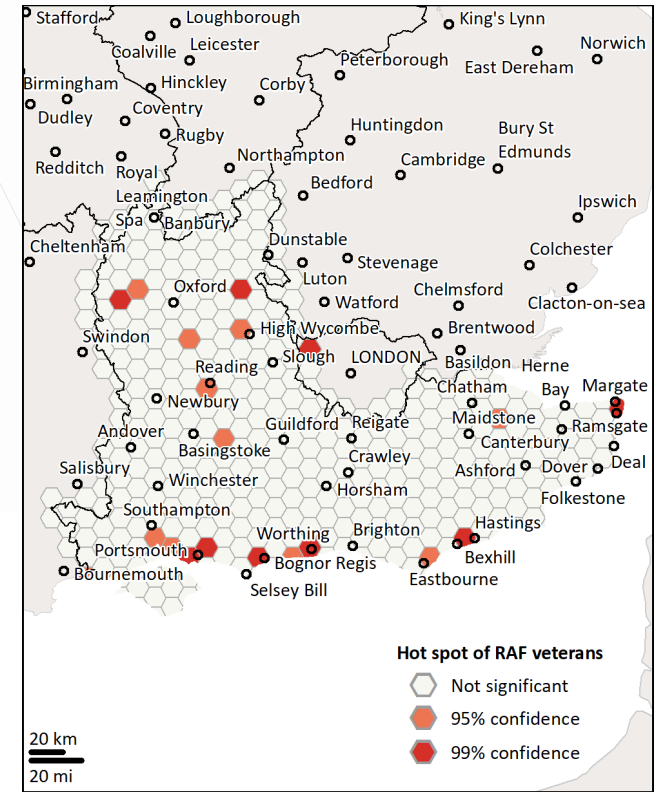
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Hot spots of recipients of funding: Army veterans.



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Hot spots of recipients of funding: RAF veterans.



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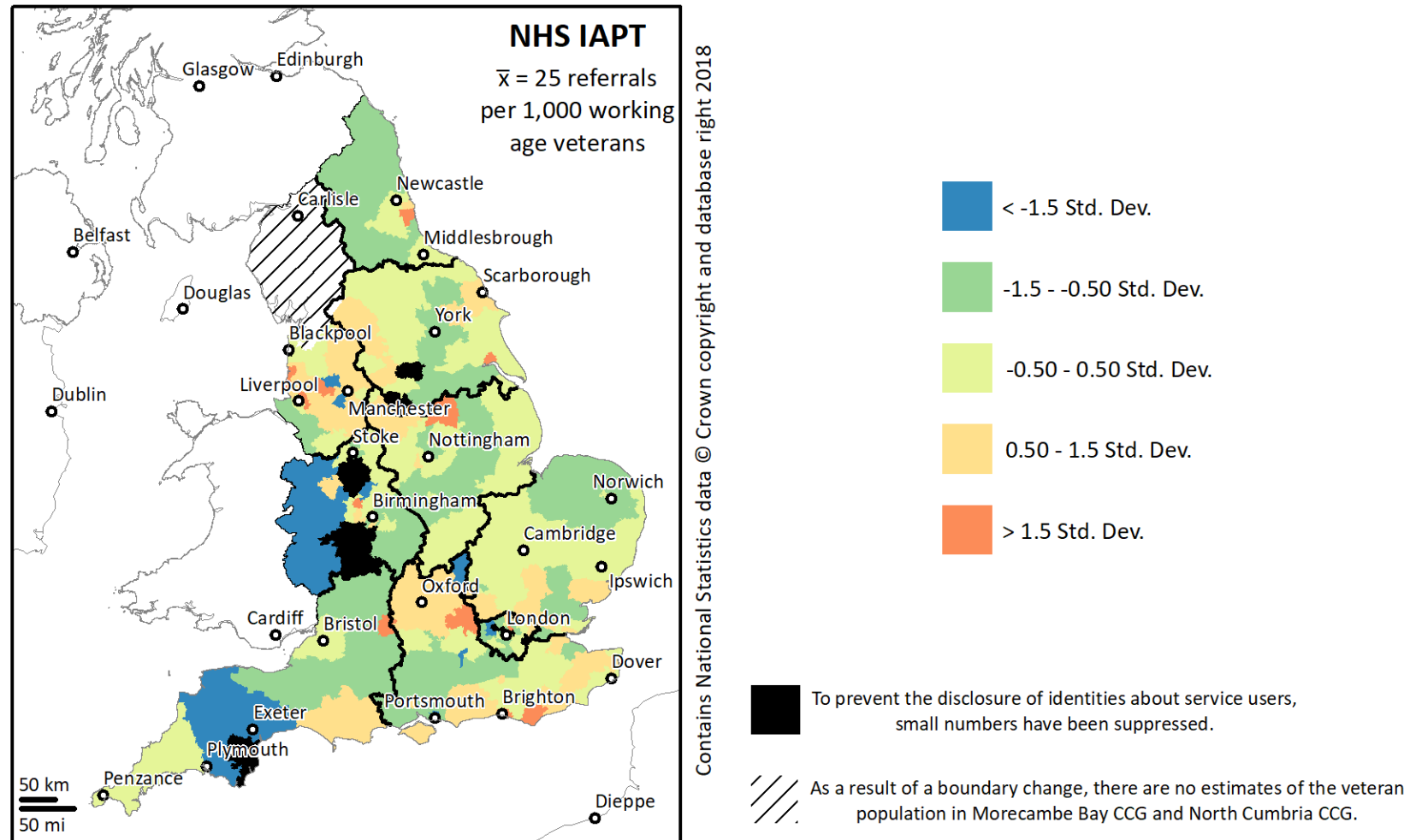
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Data source: Map of Need data sharing agreements with the RNBT, ABF and RAFBF.

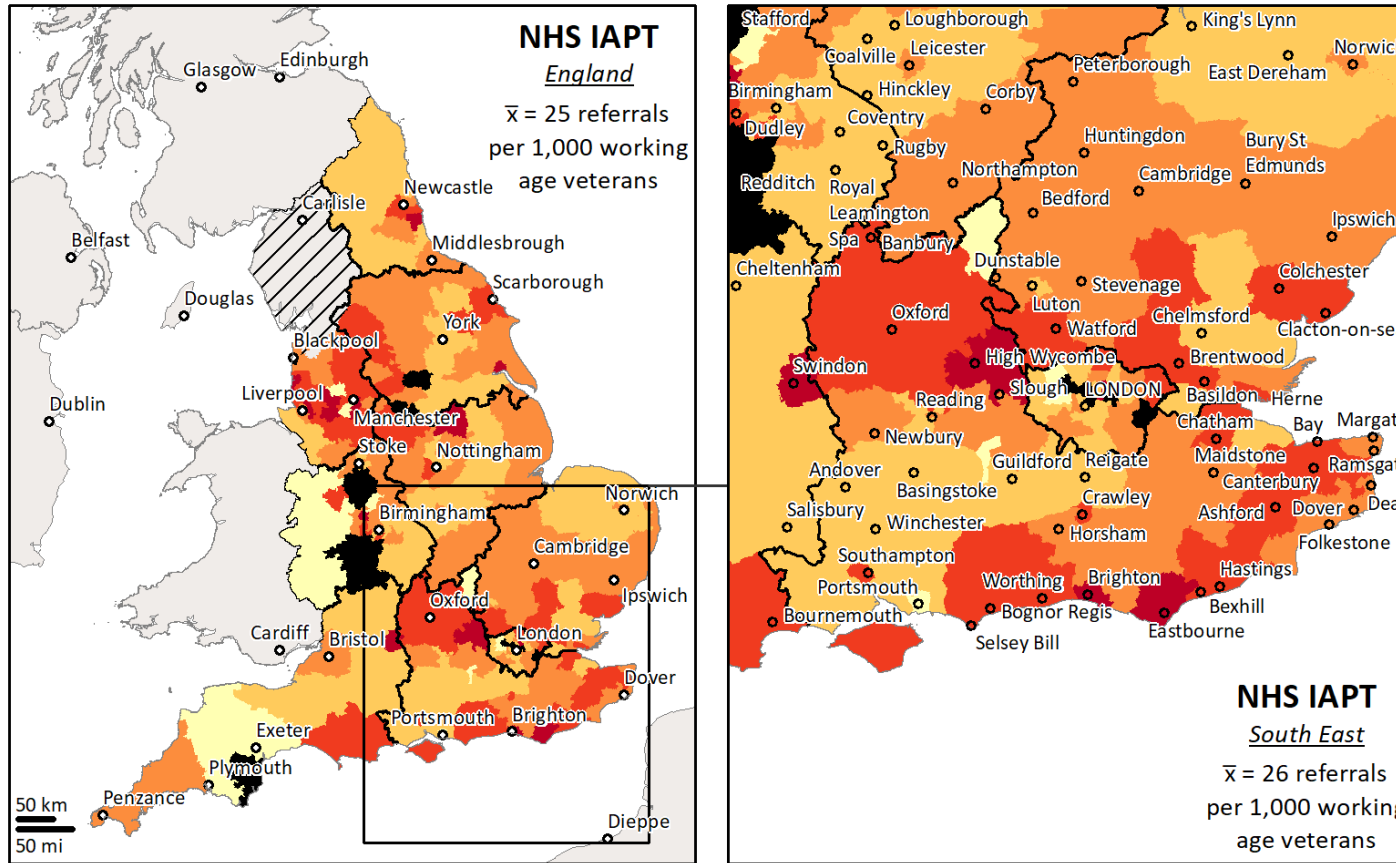
# 4. Mental health

Deviations from the mean veterans' rate of access to mental health treatment (2017/18).



The figure above shows the distribution of the veterans' rates of access to mental health treatment in the financial year 2017/18. The orange indicates areas where veterans accessing services is greater than 1.5 standard deviations above the mean prevalence rate of access, and the blue where it is less than 1.5 standard deviations below the mean. The central classification of -0.50 - 0.50 indicates the geographical areas where the number of veterans accessing the services is roughly the same as the average (mean) prevalence.

Veterans' rates of access to mental health treatment (NHS IAPT 2017/18).



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/// As a result of a boundary change, there are no estimates of the veteran population in Morecambe Bay CCG and North Cumbria CCG.

The figure above shows the veterans' rates of access to mental health treatment for the NHS IAPT service.

Data Source: Psychological Therapies (IAPT) activity by ex-British armed force status and gender 2017-18; NHS Digital 2019.