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

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# 1. Estimates of working age veterans (2011)

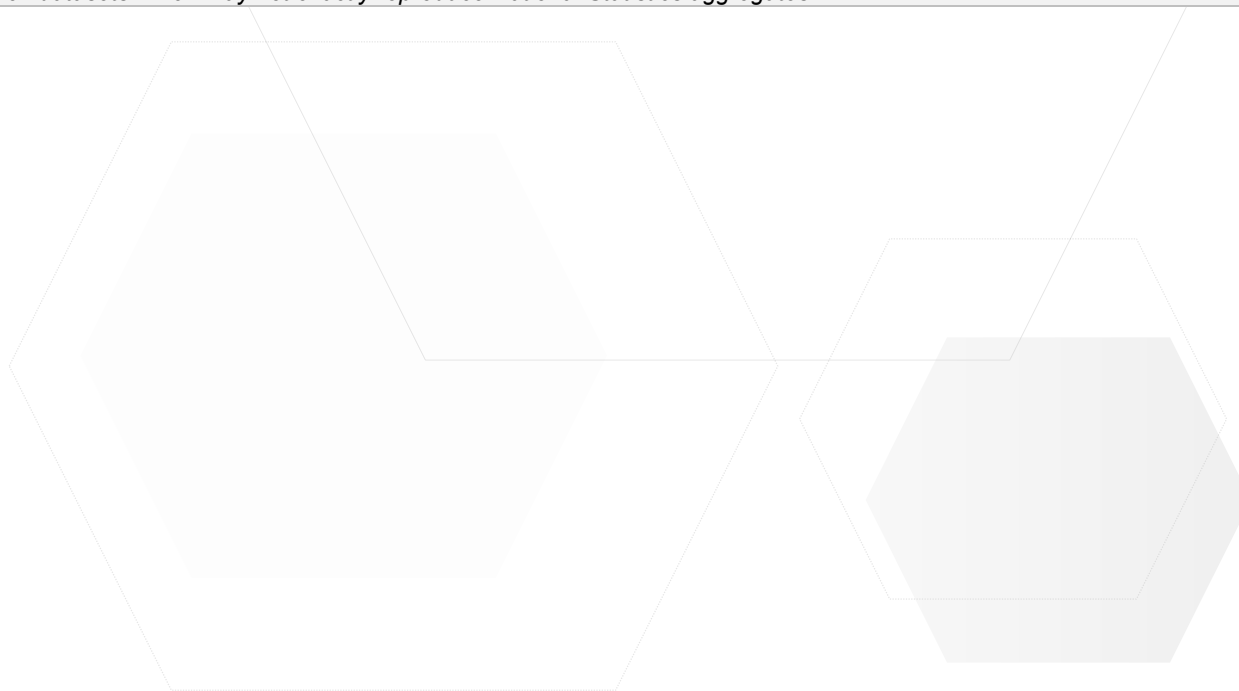
	Working age veterans	Residents aged 16 to 64	Veterans as % of all residents aged 16 to 64	Male working age veterans	Male veterans as % of all working age veterans	Female working age veterans	Female veterans as % of all working age veterans
<b>ENGLAND AND WALES</b>	745,765	36,273,707	2.06%	684,070	91.73%	61,695	8.27%
<b>ENGLAND</b>	697,427	34,329,091	2.03%	639,745	91.73%	57,680	8.27%
<b>SOUTH WEST</b>	103,427	3,323,813	3.11%	94,035	90.92%	9,390	9.08%
<b>Bath and North East Somerset</b>	1,903	114,622	1.66%	1,740	91.34%	160	8.40%
<b>Bournemouth</b>	2,150	122,913	1.75%	2,000	93.02%	150	6.98%
<b>Bristol, City of</b>	3,989	293,781	1.36%	3,635	91.10%	355	8.90%
<b>Cornwall</b>	11,723	327,091	3.58%	10,595	90.36%	1,130	9.64%
<b>Isles of Scilly</b>	35	1,351	2.59%	30	85.71%	~	~
<b>North Somerset</b>	3,236	123,281	2.62%	2,980	92.12%	255	7.88%
<b>Plymouth</b>	9,808	169,787	5.78%	8,895	90.67%	915	9.33%
<b>Poole</b>	2,635	91,828	2.87%	2,435	92.41%	200	7.59%
<b>South Gloucestershire</b>	3,614	168,428	2.15%	3,340	92.39%	275	7.61%
<b>Swindon</b>	4,477	138,920	3.22%	4,045	90.39%	435	9.72%
<b>Torbay</b>	2,321	78,436	2.96%	2,150	92.67%	170	7.33%
<b>Wiltshire</b>	14,451	294,525	4.91%	12,965	89.72%	1,485	10.28%
<b>Devon</b>	13,484	454,799	2.96%	12,290	91.14%	1,195	8.86%
• East Devon	2,526	74,656	3.38%	2,300	91.09%	225	8.91%
• Exeter	1,741	80,797	2.15%	1,580	90.80%	160	9.20%
• Mid Devon	1,240	47,335	2.62%	1,135	91.53%	105	8.47%
• North Devon	1,803	56,570	3.19%	1,670	92.52%	135	7.48%
• South Hams	1,804	50,114	3.60%	1,620	89.75%	185	10.25%
• Teignbridge	2,207	74,722	2.95%	2,025	91.84%	180	8.16%
• Torridge	1,015	38,343	2.65%	935	92.12%	80	7.88%
• West Devon	1,148	32,262	3.56%	1,030	89.57%	120	10.43%
<b>Dorset</b>	8,712	241,451	3.61%	7,965	91.45%	745	8.55%
• Christchurch	554	26,102	2.12%	510	91.89%	40	7.21%
• East Dorset	1,368	49,238	2.78%	1,260	91.97%	105	7.66%
• North Dorset	1,760	41,431	4.25%	1,580	89.77%	180	10.23%
• Purbeck	1,089	26,731	4.07%	1,005	92.20%	80	7.34%

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• West Dorset	1,885	57,258	3.29%	1,730	91.78%	155	8.22%
• Weymouth and Portland	2,056	40,691	5.05%	1,880	91.48%	180	8.76%
<b>Gloucestershire</b>	10,500	378,878	2.77%	9,500	90.48%	1,000	9.52%
• Cheltenham	1,650	76,679	2.15%	1,515	91.82%	135	8.18%
• Cotswold	1,476	50,649	2.91%	1,330	90.17%	150	10.17%
• Forest of Dean	1,403	50,961	2.75%	1,285	91.46%	120	8.54%
• Gloucester	2,382	79,466	3.00%	2,120	89.08%	265	11.13%
• Stroud	1,714	70,274	2.44%	1,595	93.00%	120	7.00%
• Tewkesbury	1,875	50,849	3.69%	1,660	88.53%	215	11.47%
<b>Somerset</b>	10,389	323,722	3.21%	9,475	91.19%	915	8.81%
• Mendip	1,600	67,604	2.37%	1,455	90.94%	145	9.06%
• Sedgemoor	1,976	70,457	2.80%	1,810	91.65%	165	8.35%
• South Somerset	4,258	97,800	4.35%	3,850	90.38%	405	9.51%
• Taunton Deane	2,060	68,097	3.03%	1,900	92.23%	160	7.77%
• West Somerset	495	19,764	2.50%	460	92.93%	35	7.07%

*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%.*

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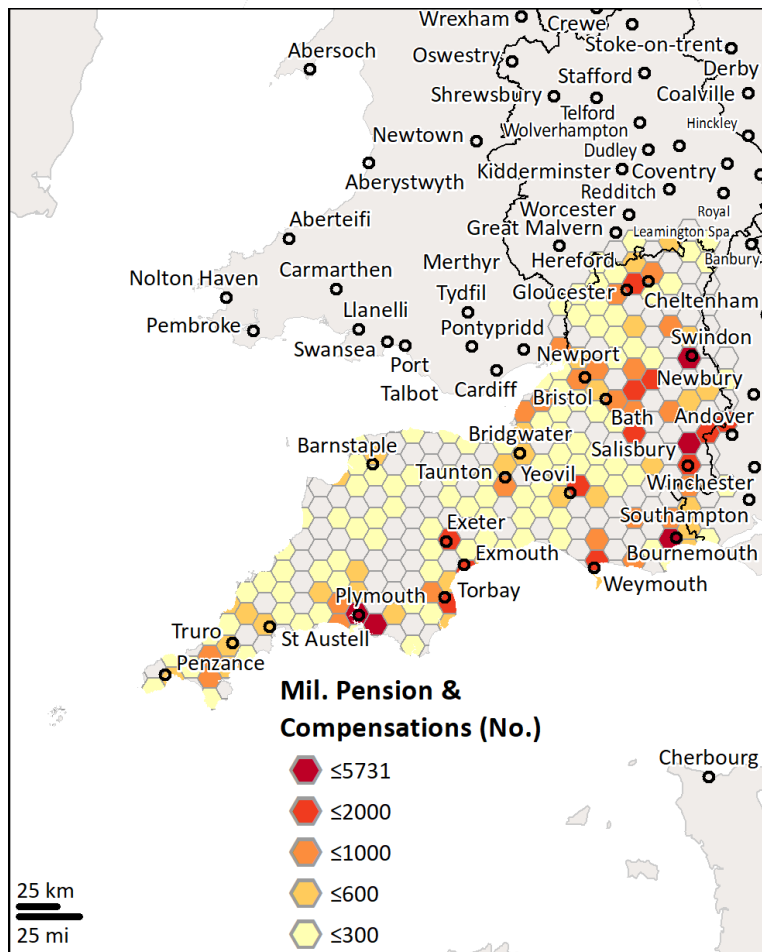
## 2. Military pension and compensation recipients (2017)

	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 West</b>	73,263	67,608	58,757	17,743	15,230	2,426	87	6,593	3,284	3,309
Bristol, City of	1,200	1,087	885	377	295	78	4	82	36	46
Cornwall	8,544	8,012	7,114	2,165	1,870	276	19	479	259	220
East Devon	2,252	2,051	1,696	804	700	100	4	232	102	130
Exeter	877	796	624	329	278	~	~	69	30	39
Mid Devon	714	669	580	212	181	31	0	32	14	18
North Devon	1,250	1,119	922	278	236	~	~	193	94	99
Plymouth	7,599	6,998	6,136	2,163	1,933	217	13	724	386	338
South Hams	1,608	1,516	1,307	387	334	~	~	123	40	83
Teignbridge	1,458	1,348	1,102	514	435	79	0	57	31	26
Torbay	1,292	1,187	962	465	383	78	4	55	24	31
Torridge	629	598	522	192	168	~	~	19	7	12
West Devon	989	933	846	265	226	~	~	30	19	11
Bournemouth	1,189	1,082	865	409	325	~	~	56	24	32
Christchurch	431	388	318	136	98	38	0	8	5	3
East Dorset	1,081	1,008	883	286	230	56	0	35	19	16
North Dorset	1,518	1,391	1,255	320	280	~	~	146	89	57
Poole	1,682	1,517	1,297	458	389	~	~	188	106	82
Purbeck	991	916	814	220	195	25	0	96	53	43
West Dorset	1,593	1,500	1,352	367	298	69	0	42	24	18
Weymouth and Portland	1,625	1,568	1,454	316	279	37	0	43	21	22
Cheltenham	800	750	662	170	139	31	0	38	19	19
Cotswold	1,146	1,037	904	215	178	~	~	125	75	50
Forest of Dean	916	822	674	174	145	~	~	170	68	102
Gloucester	1,245	1,174	1,047	276	238	35	3	72	33	39
South Gloucestershire	1,567	1,469	1,247	378	318	~	~	84	41	43

Stroud	808	748	648	218	174	40	4	36	20	16
Tewkesbury	1,342	1,249	1,117	244	209	35	0	117	61	56
Isles of Scilly	12	11	9	7	~	~	0	0	0	0
Bath and North East Somerset	1,019	953	818	235	195	~	~	44	27	17
Mendip	1,015	960	845	261	214	47	0	24	9	15
North Somerset	1,866	1,746	1,526	465	368	94	3	58	25	33
Sedgemoor	1,028	974	837	278	241	~	~	37	18	19
South Somerset	3,564	3,352	3,042	771	681	~	~	220	127	93
Taunton Deane	1,356	1,212	997	377	315	~	~	185	85	100
West Somerset	344	327	275	102	91	11	0	12	6	6
Swindon	2,370	2,248	2,034	496	438	55	3	141	66	75
Wiltshire	14,342	12,891	11,140	2,413	2,147	257	9	2,521	1,221	1,300

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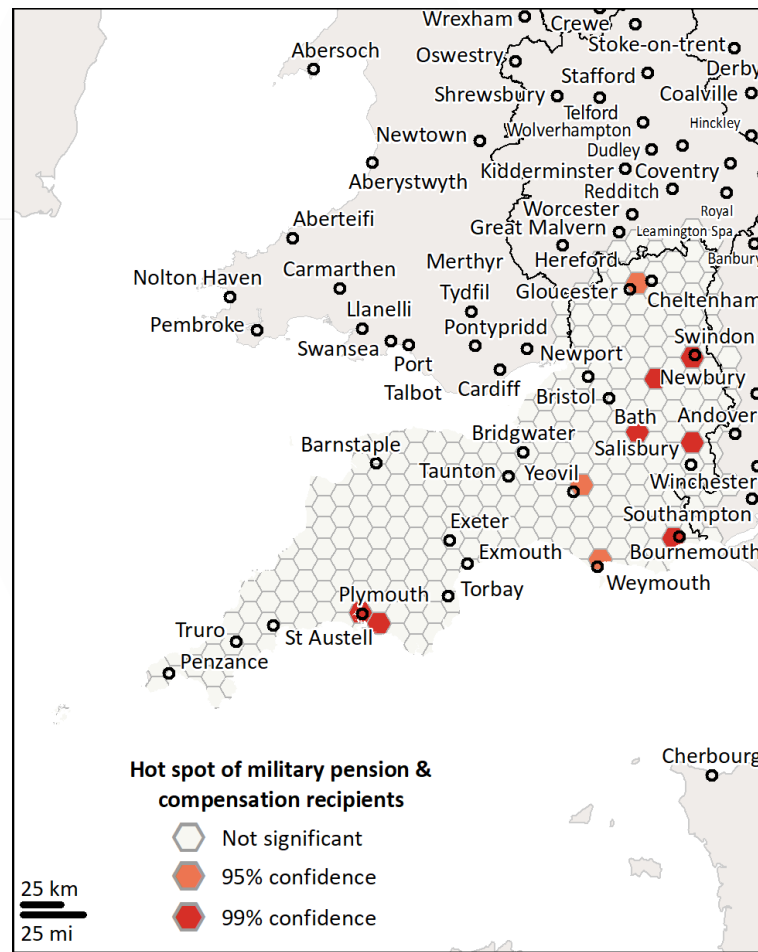
Military pensions & compensations in the South West (2017).



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The figure above shows the distribution and count of military pensions & compensations in the South West.

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



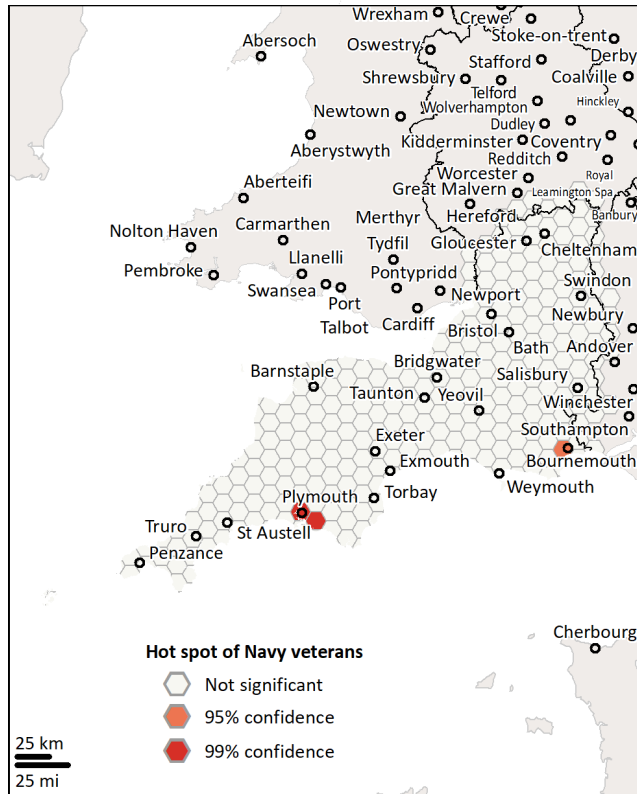
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The figure above shows the main areas where military pension & compensation recipients were located. The location of the hot spots is the result of a spatial pattern that could not have happened by random chance.

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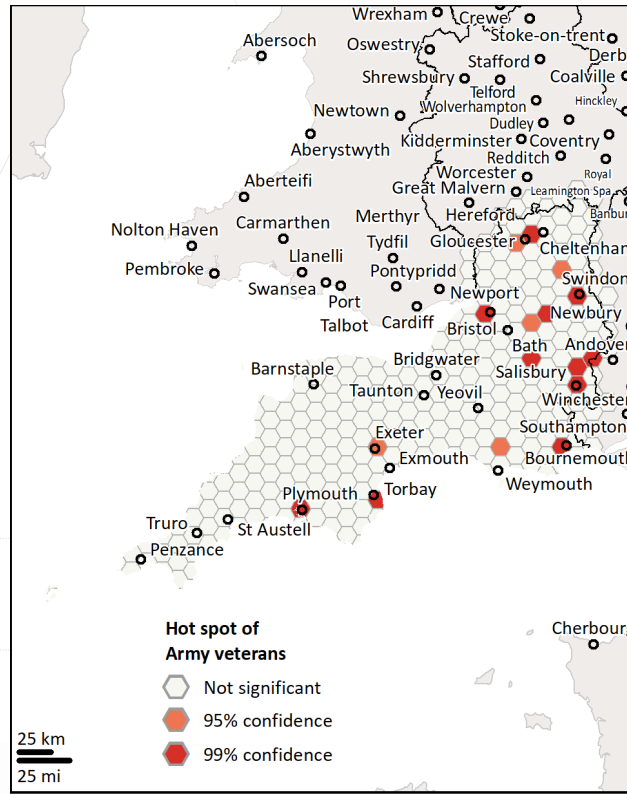
### 3. Financial hardship (2015/17)

*Hot spots of recipients of funding: Navy veterans.*



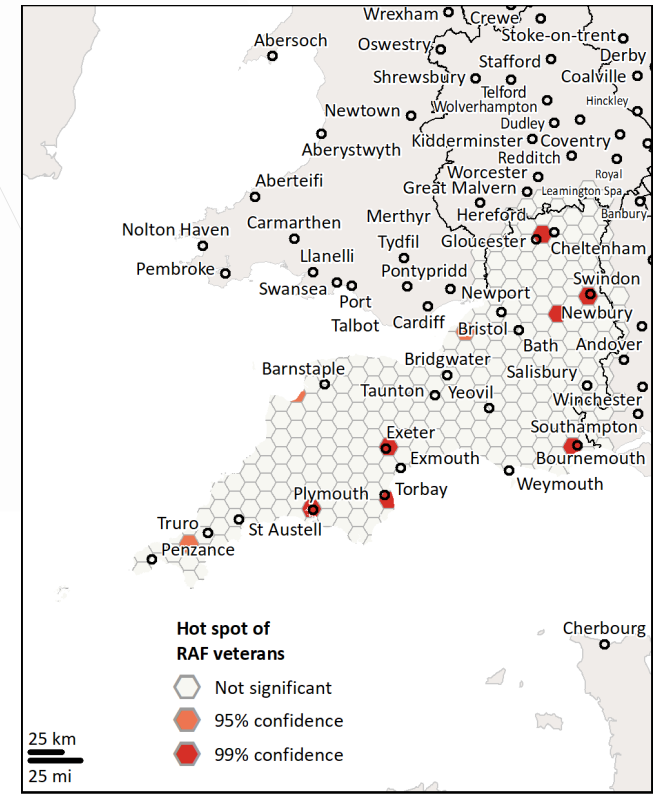
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*Hot spots of recipients of funding: Army veterans.*



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*Hot spots of recipients of funding: RAF veterans.*



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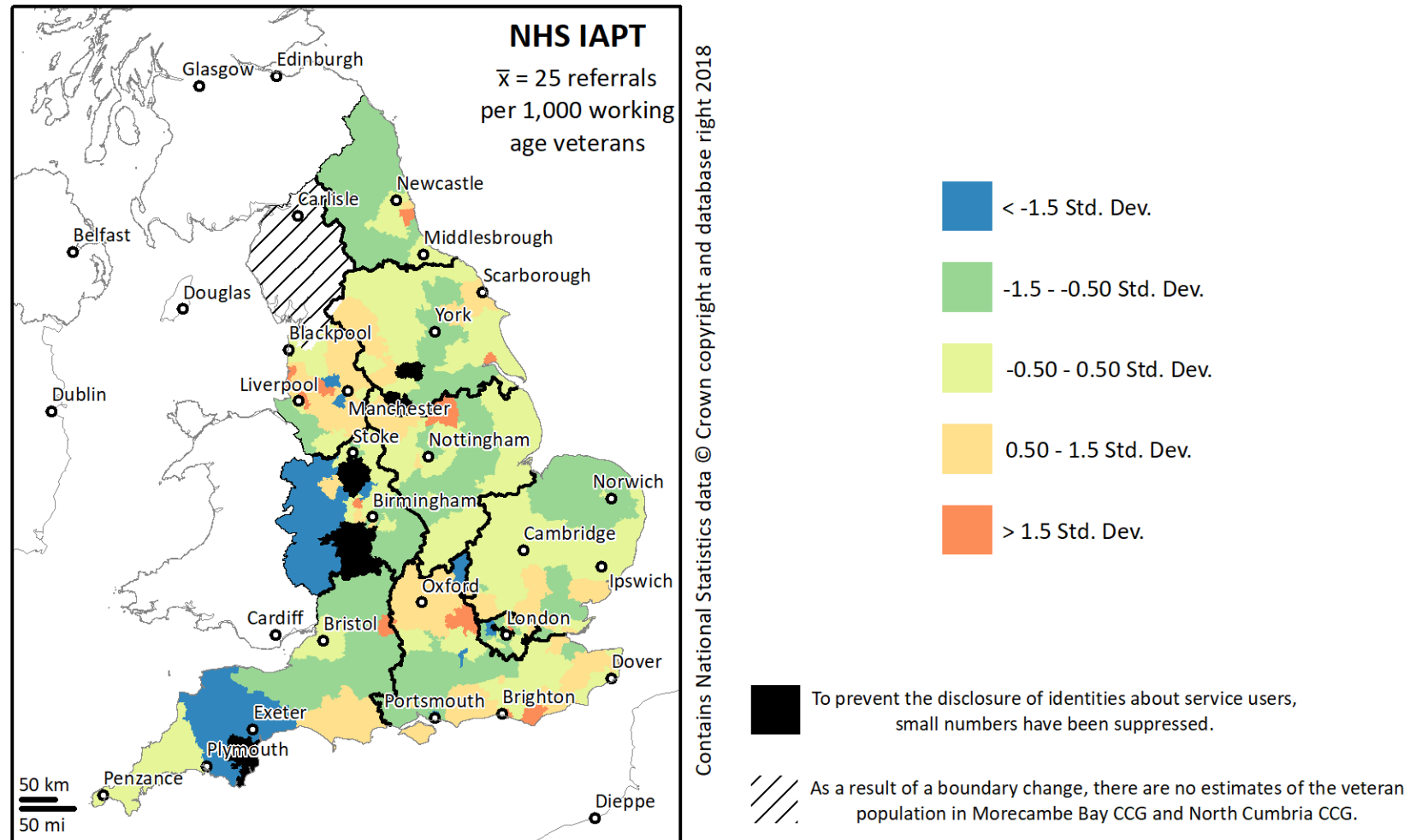
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*Data source: Map of Need data sharing agreements with the RNBT, ABF and RAFBF.*

## 4. Mental health (2017/18)

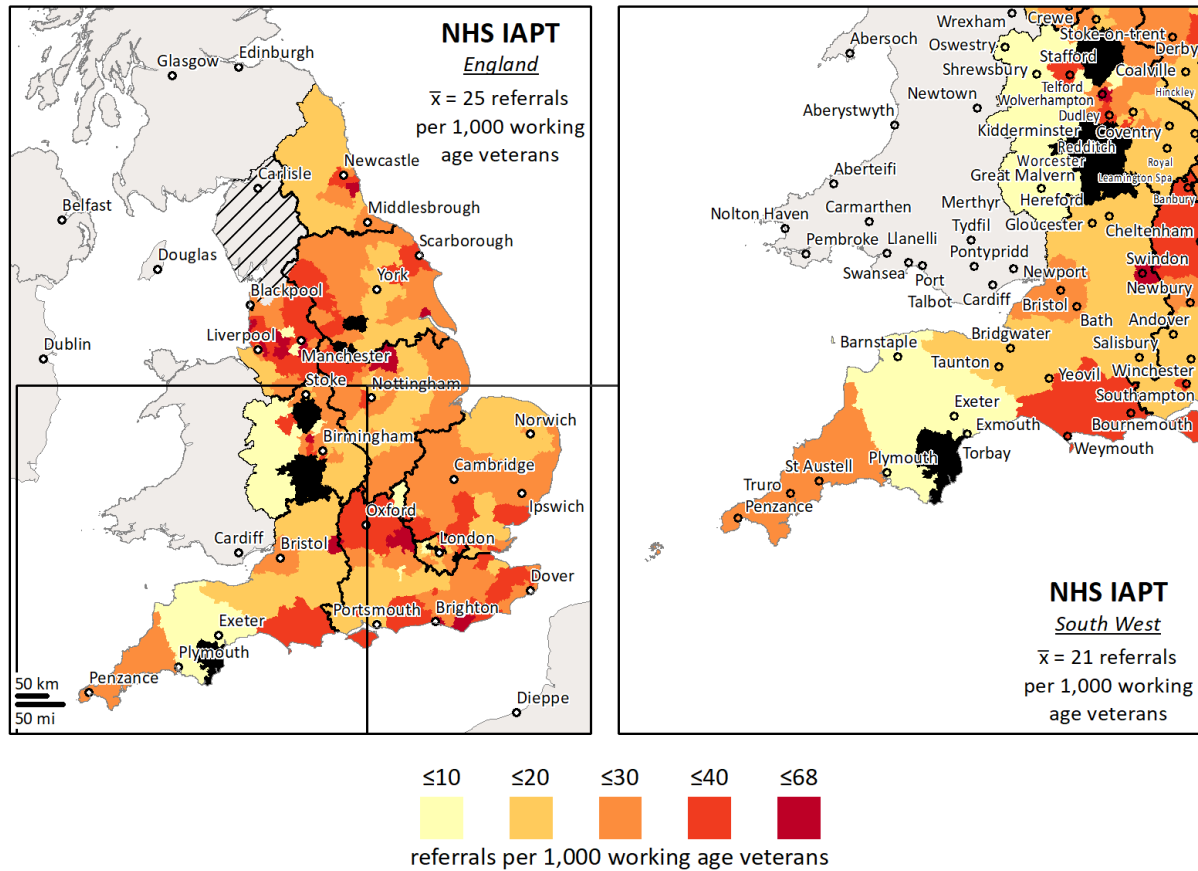
*Deviations from the mean veterans' rate of access to mental health treatment (2017/18).*




*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.