

Veteran Support Services



SUPPORT SERVICES

HEALTH

HEALTHCARE FOR THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY

<https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/armed-forces-community>

NHS Healthcare dedicated to veterans, service leavers, non-mobilised reservists, and their families and carers (including e-mail address for GPs to refer to the Veterans Trauma Network)

<https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/armed-forces-community/veterans-service-leavers-non-mobilised-reservists/>

Mental health information and support for veterans, service leavers, reservists, families, and carers (including Op COURAGE)

<https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/armed-forces-community/mental-health/veterans-reservists/>

ROYAL COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS VETERAN FRIENDLY ACCREDITED PRACTICES

Map of Practices

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1NQT9czS98F4N1fShhaGDxsz6pICAHT0y&usp=sharing>

List of accredited GP practices – scroll down to Wessex in column A for Havant GP practices

https://elearning.rcgp.org.uk/pluginfile.php/170661/mod_book/chapter/285/VF_Report%2031.10.2022.xlsx

VETERAN AWARE ACCREDITED HOSPITAL TRUSTS

Map of hospital trusts

<https://veteranaware.nhs.uk/vcha-accredited-trusts-map/>

Veterans Covenant Healthcare Alliance

<https://veteranaware.nhs.uk/>

RIPPLE POND

Ripple Pond is a UK wide self-help support network for the adult family members of physically or emotionally injured Service Personnel and Veterans.

<https://theripplepond.org/>

ACCOMMODATION

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL HOUSING ADVICE AND HAMPSHIRE HOMES CHOICE

<https://www.havant.gov.uk/housing>

GUINNESS PARTNERSHIP

<https://www.guinnesspartnership.com/>

AGAMEMNON HOUSING ASSOCIATION

Provides affordable sheltered housing for people over 60 years of age, giving priority to those who have served in the Armed Forces and their surviving partners and relatives

Please visit www.agamemnonha.org for more information

STOLL HOUSING AND HELPING VETERANS

Housing to rent in London and Aldershot and through the Veterans' Nomination Scheme.

www.stoll.org.uk

HAIG HOUSING TRUST

Provides homes for Veterans in need.

www.haighousing.org.uk

ADMIRAL JELICOE HOUSE – PORTSMOUTH

Care home with specialist Dementia facilities for veterans of the Royal Navy

www.rnbt.org.uk

RELOCATION

IMPROVING ACCESS TO SOCIAL HOUSING AND QUALIFICATION CONSIDERATIONS FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/improving-access-to-social-housing-for-members-of-the-armed-forces/improving-access-to-social-housing-for-members-of-the-armed-forces>

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

WITHYOU

Free confidential support with alcohol, drugs, or mental health

www.wearewithyou.org.uk

FINANCE AND BENEFITS

CITIZEN'S ADVICE

Citizens Advice Havant is a free service offering confidential, independent, impartial advice people who live or work in Havant borough.

<https://www.citizensadvicehavant.org/>

STEPCHANGE

Debt advice and fee free debt management

<https://www.stepchange.org/>

ATTITUDE, THINKING AND BEHAVIOUR

STEP TOGETHER

Supports Service people on recovery pathways, veterans, and their families across the UK to make significant changes in their lives through one-to-one support and active engagement in the local community

www.step-together.org.uk

CHILDREN AND FAMILY

NAVAL FAMILIES FEDERATION

Naval Families Federation works with and supports serving sailors, marines and their families with schooling, housing, finances, a posting overseas, relationships, health and future plans.

www.nff.org.uk

ARMY FAMILIES FEDERATION

The Army Families Federation (AFF) is the independent voice of army families and works hard to improve the quality of life for army families around the world – on any aspect that is affected by the army lifestyle.

AFF is independent of the army and offers confidential advice on a range of subjects.

www.aff.org.uk

RAF

RAF Families Federation supports individuals and their families transitioning from HM Armed Forces with advice and support in all areas, including support to gain financial assistance from relevant organisations - housing advice, advice on welfare, money and debt management, addiction and mental health issues.

www.raf-ff.org.uk

NAVAL CHILDREN'S CHARITY

Providing financial and holistic support to help children (up to the age of 25) of Naval families, serving and veterans.

www.navalchildrenscharity.org.uk

TRAINING, EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

FORCES EMPLOYMENT CHARITY

The Officers' Association and RFEA The Forces Employment Charity have combined to create a single charity to provide career support to all Service leavers, veterans, reservists, and their families throughout the UK, whatever their circumstances, rank, length of service, or reasons for leaving.

www.forcesemployment.org.uk

THE POPPY FACTORY

Supporting veterans with health conditions into work including advice on job opportunities to match each veteran's own skills and goals.

www.poppyfactory.org

SOLENT LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP

Providing a single point of access to a variety of funding and support options for businesses in the Solent area.

<https://solentlep.org.uk/>

The Growth Hub team are business support experts who can give direct advice or sign-post you to local and national contacts within our wide network. They'll use a free grant finder service while speaking to you over the phone to source finance and grant funding from around the world.

<https://solentlep.org.uk/contact-us-1/>

CAREERS TRANSITION PARTNERSHIP (CTP)

Support on offer includes career transition guidance, skills workshops, vocational training and routes to employment.

<https://www.ctp.org.uk/>

RFEA (ROYAL FORCES EMPLOYMENT CHARITY)

Providing support to veterans with employment and training opportunities, housing, healthcare irrespective of circumstances, rank, length of service, or reason for leaving. Advice and guidance is also available for spouses and partners of serving and ex-service personnel.

<http://www.rfea.org.uk/>

SUPPORT AGENCIES

HELP FOR HEROES

Help and support for veterans, Service people and their families to live well after service. We support members of the Armed Forces Community with their physical and mental health, wellbeing, and a range of welfare issues.

<https://www.helpforheroes.org.uk/get-support/>

THORNEY ISLAND – EMSWORTH

Aldershot HIVE, Connaught Community Centre, Alanbrooke Road, Aldershot, Hants GU11 2NX (closest HIVE)

HIVE Information Centres are provided by the Army to give information support to all members of the Service community – serving personnel (Regular and Reserves), their dependants and extended families, MOD Civilians and Veterans.

On behalf of the Chain of Command Army HIVE deliver information support for the whole military community on a wide range of topics affecting their everyday service and personal life including re-location, accommodation, health and wellbeing, finance, non-UK Nationals, education, employment, deployment, resettlement, military discounts and local area information.

<https://www.army.mod.uk/people/health-wellbeing-welfare-support/hive/>

THE VETERANS OUTREACH SERVICE (BASED AT THE MARITIME CLUB, PORTSMOUTH)

VOS support veterans from UK Armed Forces, and Merchant Navy and their spouses/partners in Portsmouth, Isle of Wight, Gosport, Fareham, and more widely, in Hampshire and the south of England.

VOS provides a welcoming and relaxed setting where UK veterans and family members can drop in for confidential social or psychological support. VOS serves those who served their nation and, in recognition of its Falklands War-related origins, members of all three services of the British Armed Forces and Reserves, the Royal Fleet Auxiliary and the Merchant Navy are welcome.

<http://www.vosuk.org/about-us/>

VETERANS GATEWAY

The first point of contact for Veterans seeking support, this organisation puts Veterans and families in touch with the organisations best placed to help with the information, advice and support they need – from healthcare and housing to employability, finances, personal relationships and more.

www.veteransgateway.org.uk

SUPPORT AGENCIES

ROYAL NAVAL BENEVOLENT TRUST

RNBT offers support to serving and former Royal Naval ratings and Royal Marines other ranks, which includes Reservists, partners and children.

<http://www.rnbt.org.uk/>

ROYAL NAVY ROYAL MARINES CHARITY

The Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity support sailors, marines and their families for life.

<https://www.rnrmc.org.uk/>

SSAFA

SSAFA support the transition from the Forces to Civvy Street including housing, finances, signposting, mental wellbeing, and disability support.

<https://www.ssafa.org.uk/>

ARMY PERSONNEL RECOVERY UNITS

The Defence Recovery Capability is a Ministry of Defence lead initiative managed in partnership with Help for Heroes and The Royal British Legion. It is designed to ensure wounded, injured and sick service personnel receive co-ordinated support such as medical care, welfare, housing, education, reskilling, work placements, employment issues and opportunities.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/defence-recovery-and-personnel-recovery-centres>

ARMY FAMILIES FEDERATION

The Army Families Federation (AFF) is the independent voice of army families and works hard to improve the quality of life for army families around the world – on any aspect that is affected by the army lifestyle.

AFF is independent of the army and offers confidential advice on a range of subjects.

<https://aff.org.uk/>

VETERANS TRANSITION REVIEW

Offering Service leavers support on education and training, employment and resettlement, housing, health, and finance

<http://www.veteranstransition.co.uk>

SUPPORT AGENCIES

VETERANS WELFARE SERVICE

This service enhances the quality of life for veterans and beneficiaries of Veterans UK and includes pensions, compensation schemes, and all their dependents. They enable the seamless transition from service to civilian life, assist bereaved families or respond to life events that present welfare needs.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/veterans-welfare-service>

RAFBF (ROYAL AIR FORCE BENEVOLENT FUND)

The RAF Benevolent Fund is the RAF's leading welfare charity. They support all serving and former members of the RAF as well as their partners and dependent children.

<https://www.rafbf.org/>

FS (FORCES SUPPORT)

A national bereavement and Veteran support charity which ensures parents, widows and children of families bereaved through a military death can access practical support throughout the UK.

<http://www.forcessupport.org.uk/>

RBL (ROYAL BRITISH LEGION) - LOCAL BRANCH IN HAVANT

This service provides financial, social and emotional care and support to all members of the British Armed Forces, past and present, and their families. The Legion supports service leavers to find employment and can also provide advice and guidance to partners and dependants of serving personnel.

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/>

RBLI - LIFEWORKS

RBLI run LifeWorks, a fully funded support service to help veterans looking to either move into sustainable employment, training or education, housing support is also offered.

<https://rbli.co.uk/what-we-do/lifeworks/>

ARMY FAMILIES FEDERATION

The Army Families Federation (AFF) is the independent voice of Army families and works to improve the quality of life for Army families around the world. AFF is independent of the Army and offers confidential advice.

<https://aff.org.uk/>

SUPPORT AGENCIES

ABF (THE SOLDIERS CHARITY)

ABF offers a lifetime of support to soldiers and former soldiers from the British Army and their immediate families including housing, education, training and employment. Support is offered to very young serving families to cope with a sudden bereavement or traumatic loss and providing wide-ranging support to wounded soldiers. The charity also supports older veterans and their widows or widowers when they find themselves lonely or isolated.

<http://www.soldierscharity.org/>

ARMY BENEVOLENT FUND

The Army Benevolent Fund provides a lifetime of support to soldiers, veterans and their immediate families when needed.

<https://soldierscharity.org/>

BLESMA

Blesma, The Limbless charity aims to support limbless veterans to lead independent and fulfilling lives.

<https://blesma.org/>

BLIND VETERANS

Blind Veterans offers a range of support to blind ex-service men and women helping them to lead independent and fulfilling lives.

<https://www.blindveterans.org.uk>