

Report to:	HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
Date:	19 January 2017
Board Member/ Reporting Officer:	Dr Robin Jackson - Chairman of the NHS Armed Forces Network (North West).
Subject:	IDENTIFICATION OF MILITARY VETERANS IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND AND QUANTIFY THEIR HEALTH NEEDS
Report Summary:	<p>The report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explains the role of the NHS Armed Forces Network (North West). • Briefs the Board on the Report by the Forces in Mind Trust and its implications for the Board's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA).
Recommendations:	<p>That the Board agree that any commissioning and delivery of services should consider and take into account the following principles in order to improve the assessment of the mental and related health needs of veterans and their family members and ensure better wellbeing outcomes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Targeted and intelligent use of data and information – veterans and their family members need to be routinely identified and included in health and social care data collection as part of a targeted and intelligent approach to assessment of their mental and related health needs. 2. Appropriate and sensitive evidence based services – responding to the needs of veterans and their family members requires services that are sensitive to their identity and culture and provide evidence based interventions as part of an appropriate care pathway. 3. Involvement and participation of veterans and family members – assessing and responding to the mental and related health needs of veterans and their family members should be done with their active involvement and participation. <p>The three building blocks are interdependent and are proposed as key mechanisms for creating a sustainable and lasting framework for action that will improve the assessment of the mental and related health needs of veterans and their family members and inform the commissioning and delivery of services to meet those needs.</p>
Links to Health and Wellbeing Strategy:	The health and wellbeing of military veterans links to the Living Well, Working Well and Ageing Well priorities in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy
Policy Implications:	The Armed Forces Network brief and the FiMT Report (http://www.fimtrust.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/CALL-TO-MIND-REPORT.pdf) outlines how JSNAs can be

improved to incorporate the special health needs of Veterans and their families.

Financial Implications:
(Authorised by the Section 151 Officer)

There are no direct financial implications arising from the report at this stage.

Legal Implications:
(Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

This approach should go hand in hand and strengthen the legal requirements that all public bodies have to reduce inequalities and positively address health inequalities.

Risk Management :

There are no risks associated with this report.

Access to Information :

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting Helen Marshall, Bury CCG by:



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