

LEICESTER CITY HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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Subject:	Delivering on the Armed Forces Covenant (AFC)
Presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board by:	<p>Miranda Cannon – Leicester City Council Director champion for AFC & Co-Chair LLR Civil & Military Partnership Board</p> <p><u>Supported by:</u></p> <p>Dr Richard Hurwood - Co-Chair LLR Civil & Military Partnership Board Brendan Daly – Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust</p>
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Armed Forces Covenant (AFC) is a national commitment seen as a promise by the nation to ensure that those who serve or who have served in the armed forces, and their families, are treated fairly and with respect.

Local Authorities initially and in more recent years the wider public sector, voluntary sector and private sector organisations have signed local covenants which set out commitments they will make to

supporting the Armed Forces community locally. By the Armed Forces community we mean serving personnel including reservists, service leavers, veterans, and their families. The aim of the covenant is not about preferential treatment, but it is about addressing disadvantage so that Armed Forces personnel get the same treatment and access to services as the civilian community.

The presentation aims to cover how as partners locally we are currently supporting the Armed Forces Community and delivering on our commitments made under the Armed Forces Covenant. We want to seek the support of the Health and Wellbeing Board in both raising awareness and contributing to the ongoing work. The presentation will cover:

- What the AFC is about and how it is put into practice
- What we know about the Armed Forces community nationally and locally
- How we are working in partnership to support the Armed Forces Community
- Health and wellbeing in relation to the Armed Forces community
- Areas for the Board to consider

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Health and Wellbeing Board is requested to:

- Confirm their support in raising awareness of the Armed Forces Covenant and of the needs of the Armed Forces Community;
- Consider ways in which the Board can help with the aim of reducing under-reporting and improving the collection and use of relevant data including in the Board's own needs assessments;
- Confirm how they would like to be made aware of the work of the LLR Civil and Military Partnership Board going forward;
- Help in promoting the veteran friendly GP accreditation scheme within primary care; and
- Include consideration of the Armed Forces Community in relevant health and well-being projects and programmes for example within the ongoing Time to Change and Start a Conversation campaigns.