



# Armed Forces veteran friendly accredited GP practice

The Kirkbymoorside Surgery are proud to be a Veteran Friendly Accredited GP Surgery.

As an Armed Forces Veteran friendly GP practice, we are able to offer support in many ways including:

- [RCGP Top Tips for veterans.pdf](#)
- [RGCP Patient Charter.pdf](#)
- Having health staff with military healthcare backgrounds
- Having staff trained to treat health problems that commonly affect veterans
- Having knowledge of specialist NHS and DMS services designed specifically for members of the armed forces

## **NHS care for the Armed Forces community.**

The NHS is responsible for providing all hospital and most community services for serving personnel and families of serving personnel, reservists and veterans. Included as part of this are the following dedicated services and initiatives to support the Armed Forces community:

### **Veterans Trauma Network (VTN)**

The VTN provides care and treatment to those with a service-attributable physical health condition. Located in 12 major trauma centres (Plymouth, Oxford, London (three centres), Birmingham, Nottingham, Liverpool, Leeds, Cambridge, Brighton and Middlesbrough), with links to five specialist NHS trusts (Frimley Park, Preston, Salisbury, East Grinstead), the network works closely with Defence Medical Services and national centres of clinical expertise.

### **Veterans Prosthetics Panel (VPP)**

The VPP provides funding on a named veteran basis to NHS Disablement Service Centres (DSC) to ensure that veterans who have service related limb loss can access high quality prosthetics regardless of which DSC they attend.

### **Armed Forces personnel in transition: Integrated Personal Commissioning for Veterans Framework (IPC4V)**

IPC4V is a personalised care approach for serving personnel who have complex and enduring physical, neurological and mental health conditions that are attributable to injury whilst in service. It provides a framework for effectively planning and delivering personalised care in line with the Armed Forces Covenant. This means that the MOD, health and social care, Armed Forces charities and other organisations involved in the care of these individuals are brought together at an earlier point in the care pathway, ensuring care and support arrangements are in place as they transition to civilian life and beyond.

### **Personalised care for veterans with a long term physical, mental or neurological health condition or disability**

Ex-forces with a complex and life-long health condition may be eligible for the veterans personalised care programme. Eligible individuals will have a single personalised care plan for all their health and wellbeing needs that is developed with them and a range of

organisations, including health and social care and military charities. To apply, individuals should contact their local clinical commissioning group.

**For further information, email [england.armedforceshealth@nhs.net](mailto:england.armedforceshealth@nhs.net) or visit the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/armed-forces-community/veterans-service-leavers-non-mobilised-reservists/>**

Mental health problems are common and can affect anyone, including veterans, serving personnel, reservists and their families. It is important to get help and support if you or someone you know has mental health problems. Please click on this link for more information. <https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/armed-forces-and-veterans-healthcare/veterans-nhs-mental-health-services/>

### **Voluntary Sector Support**

There are several charities providing support to the armed forces community.

**First Light Trust.** A dynamic, effective charity working across the UK, providing on the ground support for veterans of the Emergency Service and Armed Forces. <https://www.firstlighttrust.co.uk>.

**SSAFA.** The Armed Forces Charity. Welfare, health and support services, for the UK military's serving personnel, veterans and their families. <https://www.ssafa.org.uk>.

**Royal British Legion.** Expert advice and guidance, to recovery and rehabilitation, through to transitioning to civilian life. <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/>

**Cobseo. The Confederation of Service Charities.** Provides a single point of contact for interaction with Government, including local government and the Devolved Administrations: with the Royal Household: with the Private Sector. <https://www.cobseo.org.uk/>

**All Call Signs.** Peer support organisation for veterans and serving military personnel. Chat app is manned by volunteer listeners with experience of life in uniform to bridge the gaps in veteran's mental health service. <https://allcallsigns.org/>

**Veterans' Gateway.** The first point of contact for veterans seeking support. Puts veterans and their 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. <https://www.veteransgateway.org.uk/>

**Armed Forces Breakfast Clubs.** Involvement ends isolation, giving veterans particularly a sense of belonging, which many lost when leaving service. <https://afvbc.com/>

**Walked with the wounded.** Delivers employment, mental health, care coordination and volunteering in collaboration within the NHS. <https://walkingwiththewounded.org.uk>

We hope you find this information useful, if you have any questions please contact the Surgery on 01751 431254, and speak to a member of our Patient Support Team.