

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD: 14th MARCH 2019**JOINT REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
HEALTH****DELIVERING THE ARMED FORCES COVENANT IN LEICESTERSHIRE****Purpose of report**

1. The purpose of this report and accompanying slides is to provide information to the Board on the work of the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Civil and Military Partnership Board (LLRCMPB) and the delivery of the Armed Forces Covenant (AFC) in Leicestershire.

Link to the local Health and Care System

2. Improving the health of serving military, veterans and their families would have a positive impact on outcome two of the Leicestershire Health and Well Being Strategy which seeks to reduce the gap between health outcomes for different people and places

Recommendation

3. The Board is asked to note the information contained within the report and accompanying presentation and consider how it will:
 - i. Seek to establish and maintain a link with the work of the Civil and Military Partnership Board – to be aware of it and the purpose it has and seek our involvement in relevant areas of work and vice versa;
 - ii. Endorse and support the AFC in relation to primary care particularly the promotion of the veteran friendly GP accreditation scheme
 - iii. Collectively continue to work on addressing the gaps in partners knowledge and data and encourage Armed Forces personnel, particularly veterans to identify themselves

Background

4. In 2017 the LLRCMPB was formed with the purpose of supporting delivery of the Armed Forces Covenant across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. The Armed Forces Covenant 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.
5. Local Authorities 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.

Leicestershire County Council re-signed a refreshed Covenant pledge in June 2018 along with Leicester City Council and Leicester Cathedral.

Resource Implications

6. Delivery of the AFC and involvement in the LLRCMPB is funded from within existing resources.

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Appendix

Presentation Slides - Delivering on the Armed Forces Covenant

Relevant Impact Assessments

Equality and Human Rights Implications

7. It is expected that this work will have a positive impact on the health of the serving military, veterans and their families.

Partnership Working and associated issues

8. As referenced elsewhere in the report, Leicestershire County Council re-signed its Covenant pledge with Leicester City Council and Leicester Cathedral in June 2018. The Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Civil and Military Partnership Board has a membership of organisations representing Public Sector, Armed Forces and VCSE. The Board meets 3-4 times annually and is developing a joint action plan.