

16 January 2019 - Army Reserve Centre Crawley
3 April 2019 - Army Reserve Centre, Eastbourne
15 October 2019 - Army Reserve Centre, Brighton

Would you like to know more about the Armed Forces and become a Service Champion for serving personnel, veterans/ex-service personnel, their immediate families or carers who may need our services?

The Sussex Armed Forces Network is running further sessions of its award winning Service Champions Training. It is designed for people who are interested in helping services across Sussex to become more Armed Forces, veteran, their immediate family or carer focused but who have little previous experience of the Armed Forces.

It is even more important for organisations to raise their awareness with the inclusion of the Armed Forces Community in the NHS Constitution and the Health and Social Care Act.

The training will provide you with:

- ◆ A better understanding of military life and the needs of people who may have left the Armed Forces;
- ◆ A better understanding of how to engage with the Armed Forces Community;
- ◆ Knowledge and skills that will enable you to support your organisation to better meet the needs of this group;
- ◆ An understanding of how your service might work with other services/charities in the best interest of serving personnel and veterans, family and carers;
- ◆ A resource pack for you to use when you return to your organisation:
- ◆ A support network of other Service Champions to help further develop your knowledge and skills and to support and share ideas across different organisations.

How to sign up?

Please email scdt.admin@nhs.net or call 01273 403693

Please be aware places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. A fee of £50.00 will be charged for non attendance. Deadline for registration: 1 working week prior to the date of the course

Previous feedback

.... "An excellent insight into the world of military culture and discipline, making Health staff aware of the unique difficulties experienced by service personnel and the developing services to address these. Course organised with military efficiency."

"A fascinating day for anyone whose work brings them into contact with veterans" Dr D Chesover GP

What will be expected from you:

- ◆ To be a Service Champion for the Armed Forces personnel and veterans, families & carers within your organisation;
- ◆ To be a source of advice and guidance for your organisation;
- ◆ To use your understanding of the Armed Forces culture and the needs of veterans to help inform the design and delivery of your services; and
- ◆ To actively participate in the champions network.
- ◆ To give monthly updates/ feedback on any contact/interventions carried out.

It will require commitment from you for the whole training day (9am—5pm).

Armed Forces Network's Service Champions

The role of the Armed Forces Service Champion is to ensure that this often hard to reach community is supported, raising awareness of both the moral and contractual obligations under the Armed Forces Covenant, the NHS Constitution, the Health and Social Care Act and other Acts.

The Armed Forces Community is more than just those who have or are currently serving; it includes their immediate family and carers.

Once you have undergone our CPD accredited training you will have:

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- A better understanding of how to engage with the Armed Forces Community;
- Knowledge and skills that will enable you to support your organisation to better meet the needs of this group;
- An understanding of how your service might work with other services/charities in the best interest of serving personnel and veterans, family and carers;
- A resource pack for you to use when you return to your organisation;
- A support network of other champions to help further develop your knowledge and skills and to support and share ideas across different organisations.

What is expected from a Service Champion?

- To be a Service Champion for the Armed Forces personnel and veterans, families and carers within your organisation;
- To be a source of advice and guidance for your organisation;
- To use your understanding of the Armed Forces culture and the needs of veterans to help inform the design and delivery of your services; and
- To actively participate in the Service Champions Network.
- To give monthly updates / feedback on any contact/interventions carried out.

You can use the Network of Service Champions:

- To cross-refer between services e.g. substance misuse to mental health
- To access charitable support for your client
- To seek advice/assurance a service is armed forces community friendly
- To seek advice on what support and guidance is available for your client/member of staff

You can contact the Network of Service Champions:

- Directly via the information contained in the resource folder
- Local Service Champion contact details will be available
- Via the Network's office scdt.admin@nhs.net or 01273 403693
- Via the website (coming soon)
- Via the posters and individual services i.e. if you send a referral or contact an organisation, you should be able to ask for the Armed Forces Service Champion.