

Manchester Health & Wellbeing Board

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Introduction

- AFN North West one of nine NHS England bodies (supported by Bury Clinical Commissioning Group)
- Oversee the provision of healthcare to regulars, reservists, veterans and their families
- Armed Forces Covenant sets out responsibilities for Local Authorities and the NHS (Manchester presentation to follow)
- North West Examples of Excellence
 - Specialists Mobility Rehabilitation Centre (Preston)
 - Pennine Care – Mental Health Service

Key Facts

- Royal British Legion Annual Survey of Veterans in 2014 found:
 - Those aged 16-34 more likely to report hear loss
 - Across all ages, more likely to report musculoskeletal problems
 - Significant increase in alcohol abuse in young early service leavers
- 560,000 veterans in the North West
- 66% will be aged over 65
- Average GP Practice will have a significant number of veterans

The Ask

Forces in Mind Trust “Call to Mind, a Framework for Action”

Health & Wellbeing Boards should have a robust JSNA covering the health needs of veterans with a focus on:

- Routine identification – Targeted and intelligent use of data
- Provision of evidence based services
- Involvement of veterans and their families in the production of the JSNA

Specific request for Primary Care

- Read codes for veterans