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## Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding the commissioning of armed forces veteran specific health care services within NHS Southport and Formby CCG.

## Request/Response:

In your area, do you commission armed forces veteran-specific healthcare service(s)?

NHS Southport and Formby CCG commission a service called The Sefton Armed Forces Project. The service is however a holistic service and not just health related. The service supports a wide range of needs for military veterans.

If yes, can you please outline the service provision commissioned by the CCG in your area?

The Sefton Armed Forces Project is commissioned to enable local military veterans to get assistance with health, housing and employment related issues, all under one roof and brings together professionals from a number of areas to support local veterans. The service is hosted by Expect LTD from the Bowersdale Resource Centre and co-ordinated by an ex-soldier. The service is available from 9am-5pm Monday to Friday.

In addition to the above the CCG is working with the local Psychologival Service (Improving Access to Pychological Treatment IAPT) Access Sefton to increase referrals to their service. The CCG also fund referrals for more complex cases to the regional IAPT service.

If no, can you tell us if veteran-specific healthcare service provision for your area is part of your CCG commissioning intentions for the future?

Not applicable.