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Update from Cobseo

This week, the Veterans Strategy was published alongside a consultation paper to seek views on focused questions. Both documents can be accessed on the links below.

Veterans Strategy: [can be found here](#), and the Consultation Paper: [can be found here](#).

Members may have already seen the statement from the Chairman of Cobseo which was issued in response to the publication of the Veterans' Strategy on Wednesday 14 November. For reference, this statement can be accessed [here](#).

As mentioned in this statement, all members are strongly encouraged to respond to the consultation on the Veterans Strategy. Note: the consultation will close on 21 February 2019.

Also, this week, the pilot for the Governance Self-Reporting pilot closed. Cobseo want to thank all Members who submitted their responses and feedback. Early next month, the Cobseo board will be presented with the findings of this pilot and Members will be updated accordingly.

The Cobseo Diary

2018	Date	Time	Location
Cobseo Finance Committee Meeting	21 November	1400 - 1500	Mountbarrow House
Cobseo Executive Meeting	5 December	1000 - 1500	Mountbarrow House
2019	Date	Time	Location
Cobseo Executive Meeting	27 February	1000 - 1500	Mountbarrow House
Cobseo Executive Meeting	22 May	1000 - 1500	Mountbarrow House
Cobseo AGM	10 July	1230 - 1800	Venue TBC
Cobseo Executive Strategy Day	2 October	TBC	Venue TBC
Cobseo Executive Meeting	4 December	1000 - 1500	Mountbarrow House

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Cluster Meetings

See below for a list of the next Cluster meetings and Cluster contact details:

Cluster	Date	Contact	Email
Research	21 November	Kirsteen Waller, FiMT	rsm@fim-trust.org
Contact	12 December	Dr Charles Winstanley, Contact Group	cjwinstanley@aol.com
Care	March 2019	Andy Cole, The Royal Star & Garter Homes	andy.cole@starandgarter.org

Sector News

Veteran's Aware Hospitals Programme Launched

NHS Improvement released news last week about the launch of the Veteran's Aware Hospitals programme. As an initiative, it will run alongside the GP friendly practices and should really help the Armed Forces Community in terms of awareness and understanding of the challenges they face and ensuring that the NHS always consider the Armed Forces community when planning treatment.

When a Trust is accredited as a Veteran's Aware Hospital, they commit to the following three statements:

1. We strive to be an exemplar of the best care for veterans and their families.
 2. We encourage all patients to let us know if they have ever served in the UK armed forces so that we can best support their care needs.
 3. We are committed to learning from our patients and their families to improve quality of care.
- More information can be found [here](#).

Automatic Disqualification Rules for Charity Trustees and Charity Senior Positions

On 1 August 2018, new provisions of the Charities Act 2011 came into force that bolstered the rules that govern the automatic disqualification of charity trustees resulting in a longer list of circumstances under which automatic disqualification can be triggered. A further substantial change is the extension of the automatic disqualification regime to people acting in senior manager roles within charities, as well as to trustees. Members can find full details [here](#).

Britain's Top Armed Forces-Friendly Employers Honoured

51 businesses have been honoured for their commitment to the military, including employing former service personnel, their families, and reservists. The MOD's Employer Recognition Scheme 'Gold Awards' awards were handed out to businesses and organisations who have shown outstanding support for the military community and the Armed Forces Covenant. Employers won awards for initiatives such as employing veterans, supporting individuals transitioning out of the armed forces into a new career, and providing flexibility for reservists. For more information, click [here](#).

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New Research into Public Perceptions of Veterans and the Armed Forces

New research highlights public perceptions of ex-Service personnel as Government launches Veterans Strategy. The general public holds veterans in high regard, and yet is concerned about the institutionalising nature of service and the difficulties of transition to civilian life, according to new research published today by Forces in Mind Trust and the Ministry of Defence. The YouGov public perceptions report is available [here](#).

Trustees' Week

This week was Trustees' Week which is an annual celebration of the work of Trustees. It is also an event that promotes opportunities for people from all walks of life to get involved and make a difference to society. For more on Trustees' Week, head [here](#).

Member News

For the latest news from our Membership, please [follow this link](#) to our news section.

The latest edition of *Army & You* magazine can be found [here](#).

As always, thank you for all your submissions.

Member Calendar

2018

10 December [The Officers' Association Careers Forum](#)

2019

14 March [KCMHR Veterans' Metal Health Conference](#)
Limited concessionary tickets available to Full/Associate Cobseo Members

5 April [Soldiering On Awards](#)

Jobs

For the latest sector jobs, please [follow this link](#) to the Cobseo jobs portal.

Again, we thank you for your contributions this week.

Trustee Vacancies

The War Widows Association: [Trustee / Committee Assistant](#)

Armed Forces Education Trust: [Trustees](#)

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Funding

The Sage Foundation's Enterprise Fund

Enterprising and entrepreneurial ideas to help improve the lives of military veterans in local communities

Closing on Friday 7 December

Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust

New ways to tackle Serious Stress in Veterans, Carers and Families Programme

Closing on Monday 31 December

Ogden Armed Forces Bursary Scheme

The maximum amount of any award is £8,000 per annum

Big Lottery Fund – The Digital Fund

A UK wide £15 million funding programme to support charities and community organisations

Closing on Monday 3 December

Training and Courses

Employment

RFEA / CTP	Ex Forces Employment Fair	2018 29 November	<u>Telford</u>
		2019 14 February 7 March 27 March 25 April 13 June 4 July 19 September 17 October 7 November	<u>Salford</u> <u>Epsom</u> <u>Newark</u> <u>Edinburgh</u> <u>Bristol</u> <u>Chelmsford</u> <u>Newcastle</u> <u>Southampton</u> <u>Telford</u>

Health and Wellbeing

AFF	Additional needs support groups	<u>Click here</u> to find out more	
The Warrior Programme	<u>Veterans & Families</u>	27 - 29 November 18	Devon
		29 - 31 January 19	Manchester
	<u>Serving Families</u>	5 - 7 March 19	Wiltshire

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	<u>Refresher Days</u>	26 November 18 28 January 19 25 March 19	Devon Liverpool Devon
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Digital – FREE TRAINING

SSVC	Digital Development Programme – please contact Kristen Platt on 020 3750 4672 for more	20 – 21 November 11 – 12 December	Newcastle Bristol
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Sector

The following organisations provide training courses for the charity sector that might be of benefit to our Membership. Click on the links below to read more. Please note, no endorsement is intended here; the list is provided for information only.

Sector wide courses	<u>National Council for Voluntary for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO)</u> <u>Knowhow Nonprofit</u> <u>The Governance Institute (ICSA)</u> <u>New Philanthropy Capital (NPC)</u> <u>Civil Society</u> <u>The Foundation for Social Improvement (FSI)</u>
Regional courses	<u>Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA)</u> <u>Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action (NICVA)</u> <u>Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO)</u>
Topic specific courses	<u>Institute of Fundraising (IoF)</u> <u>NSPCC</u> - for courses on Safeguarding <u>Information Commissioner's Office (ICO)</u> – for courses on GDPR <u>Volunteer Now</u> – for courses on Volunteering in NI

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