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Update from Cobseo

Update from the Chairman

This week, our Chairman attended three meetings representing the Confederation and the Armed Forces Community. On Tuesday, the Forces in Mind Trust Board held their final meeting of the year. The Trust has stepped up a gear over the last twelve months and has increasingly been involved not only in developing the factual basis for change but also influencing key decision makers. On Wednesday he attended Contact, the mental health Action Group. The agenda continues to focus upon collaboration, cooperation and best practise, significant progress is being made. On Wednesday he chaired the Advisory Steering Group of the War Pensions and Armed Forces Compensation Committee. The agenda addressed delays in appeals coming before the tribunal, and the support provided to appellants.

Subscription reminder

Members are politely reminded that payment of annual subscriptions will fall due in January for the year ahead and instructions will be issued w/c 21 January 2019.

Consultation response reminder

Members are reminded that there are two consultations where their views would be very welcome.

A [consultation was launched 26 November](#) to seek views on how best to reform the process for developing the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), and make recommendations for any necessary changes to ensure the SORP remains fit for the future. The consultation document can be found [here](#). Members with substantial comments are encouraged to respond directly to SORP by 4 February - please see page 19 of the consultation document for more information. Members with specific comments are welcomed to respond to Cobseo and we will collate a cumulative response on behalf of the sector - please email enquiries@cobseo.org.uk by 28 January.

The [Veterans' Strategy](#) consultation was published alongside the Strategy on 14 November and seeks to gather information to inform how it could be implemented across the UK, except for devolved matters in Scotland and Wales. Please find the consultation documentation [here](#).

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The Cobseo Diary

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

Cluster Meetings

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

Cluster	Date	Contact	Email
Housing	28 February 2019	Ed Tytherleigh, Stoll James Richardson, Haig Housing	Ed.Tytherleigh@stoll.org.uk James.Richardson@haighousing.org.uk
Care	March 2019	Andy Cole, The Royal Star & Garter Homes	Andy.Cole@starandgarter.org

Sector News

Launch of consultation on the Veterans' Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund

The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust has launched a consultation asking Veterans to help shape a £10 million fund to improve Veteran's mental health and wellbeing. The Positive Pathways Programme will have a budget of £9 million to fund projects that will develop and run activities which are supportive to ex- forces mental health and wellbeing. [Read more about the consultation here.](#)

Local Charities Day

Today (Friday 14 December) is local Charities Day, established to celebrate the fantastic work that local charities do to build thriving communities across the country. The Day builds on the work of the recently published [Civil Society Strategy](#). Find out more [here](#).

Survey launched looking at how challenging experiences in the UK Armed Forces may impact military veterans

The King's Centre for Military Health Research (KCMHR) at King's College London are conducting a study to find out how different types of extremely challenging military experiences can affect UK Veterans. To find out more, please click [here](#).

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Launch of Strategic Pathways Programme

The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust launched the [Strategic Pathways Programme](#) today as part of the [Veterans Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund](#). The Programme will award grants to large organisations that want to help smaller organisations connect their work to support better recovery pathways for veterans in the longer term. Expressions of Interest need to be received by 1 February 2019. Find out more [here](#).

Welsh Government Armed Forces Newsletter

The autumn Armed Forces Newsletter from the Welsh Government is available now. [Click here to read more.](#)

Member News

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

Member Calendar

2019

14 March

[KCMHR Veterans' Mental Health Conference](#)

Limited concessionary tickets available to Full/Associate Cobseo Members

5 April

[Soldiering On Awards](#)

6 to 8

[2019 Normandy Veterans' Reunion](#)

September

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](#)

The Ripple Pond: [Trustees](#)

Funding

The Sage Foundation's Enterprise Fund

[A limited number of grants between \\$5,000 - \\$25,000 will be awarded from the Enterprise Fund for enterprising and entrepreneurial ideas to help improve the lives of military veterans in local communities](#) **Closes today: Friday 14 December**

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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](#)

Training and Courses

Employment

RFEA / CTP	Ex Forces Employment Fair	14 February 7 March 27 March 25 April 13 June 4 July 19 September 17 October 7 November	Salford Epsom Newark Edinburgh Bristol Chelmsford Newcastle Southampton Telford
X-Forces	Business Start-up Workshop	22 January, 4 February, 5 February, 26 February	Portsmouth

Health and Wellbeing

AFF	Additional needs support groups.	Click here to find out more.	
The Warrior Programme	Veterans & Families	29 to 31 January	Manchester
	Serving Families	5 to 7 March	Wiltshire
	Refresher Days	28 January 25 March	Liverpool Devon

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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.

<p>Sector wide courses</p>	<p><u>National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO)</u> <u>Knowhow Nonprofit</u> <u>The Governance Institute</u> <u>(ICSA) New Philanthropy</u> <u>Capital (NPC) Civil Society</u> <u>The Foundation for Social Improvement (FSI)</u></p>
<p>Regional courses</p>	<p><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></p>
<p>Topic specific courses</p>	<p><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</p>

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