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### Update from Cobseo

#### **Self-reporting Governance Tool launch update**

Following news in recent weeks regarding the launch of the new self-reporting governance tool, we would like to inform all Members that they will be sent full details of the launch and tool on Monday 4 February. If any Member has any questions about the tool, please get in touch with the [Governance team here](#). We look forward to getting in touch with full details on Monday.

#### **ADDITIONAL Veterans' Strategy Consultation event**

Places are still available at the additional Veterans' Strategy consultation event, organised by the Ministry of Defence, in Stockport on Thursday 14 February to facilitate round table discussions on how best to implement the Strategy for our Veterans. The discussions will be based on the consultation questions in the [Veterans Strategy consultation document](#). If you would like to register for this event or access more information, please [email the team here](#).

#### **Veterans' Strategy written consultation reminder and feedback request**

All Members are reminded that the Veterans' Strategy consultation closes on Thursday 21 February. You can find the [Strategy document here](#), and the [Consultation documentation here](#).

Cobseo has received feedback from the consultation team to thank Members for their engagement so far but they have again requested that all Members reply to the relevant questions primarily through the existing consultation survey link, to ensure that all data can be used efficiently. The [online survey link can be accessed here](#). If you would prefer to respond via email, please ensure that you include a response to the following questions at the beginning of your email to ensure that your feedback can be effectively analysed:

- Whether you are a Veteran, or do you know a Veteran;
- Whether you are a current serving member of the UK Armed Forces or part of the Armed Forces community;
- Whether you live in England, Northern Ireland, Wales, Scotland or outside the UK;

- Whether you are responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation and which organisation that is.

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## The Cobseo Diary

| 2019                          | Date        | Time         | Location                 |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| Cobseo Executive Meeting      | 27 February | 1000 to 1500 | Mountbarrow House        |
| Cobseo Executive Meeting      | 22 May      | 1000 to 1500 | TBC National Army Museum |
| Cobseo AGM                    | 10 July     | 1230 to 1800 | Venue TBC                |
| Cobseo Executive Strategy Day | 2 October   | TBC          | Venue TBC                |
| Cobseo Executive Meeting      | 4 December  | 1000 to 1500 | Mountbarrow House        |

## Cluster Meetings

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

| Cluster                                 | Date        | Contact   | Email  |
|---|-------------|---|--|
| Employment                              | 13 February | Alistair Halliday, RFEA                                 | <a href="mailto:alistair.halliday@rfea.org.uk">alistair.halliday@rfea.org.uk</a>   |
| Housing                                 | 28 February | Ed Tytherleigh, Stoll<br>James Richardson, Haig Housing | <a href="mailto:ed.tytherleigh@stoll.org.uk">ed.tytherleigh@stoll.org.uk</a><br><a href="mailto:james.richardson@haighousing.org.uk">james.richardson@haighousing.org.uk</a> |
| Veterans in the Criminal Justice System | 28 February | Chloe MacKay, RFEA<br>Julie McCarthy, SSAFA             | <a href="mailto:chloe.mackay@rfea.org.uk">chloe.mackay@rfea.org.uk</a><br><a href="mailto:julie.mccarthy@ssafa.org.uk">julie.mccarthy@ssafa.org.uk</a>                       |
| Care                                    | 7 March     | Andy Cole, The Royal Star & Garter Homes                | <a href="mailto:andy.cole@starandgarter.org">andy.cole@starandgarter.org</a>   |
| Research                                | 5 June      | Kirsteen Waller, FIMT                                   | <a href="mailto:rsm@fim-trust.org">rsm@fim-trust.org</a>   |
| Employment                              | 11 June     | Alistair Halliday, RFEA                                 | <a href="mailto:alistair.halliday@rfea.org.uk">alistair.halliday@rfea.org.uk</a>   |
| Veterans in the Criminal Justice System | 27 June     | Chloe MacKay, RFEA<br>Julie McCarthy, SSAFA             | <a href="mailto:chloe.mackay@rfea.org.uk">chloe.mackay@rfea.org.uk</a><br><a href="mailto:julie.mccarthy@ssafa.org.uk">julie.mccarthy@ssafa.org.uk</a>                       |
| Employment                              | 15 October  | Alistair Halliday, RFEA                                 | <a href="mailto:alistair.halliday@rfea.org.uk">alistair.halliday@rfea.org.uk</a>   |
| Veterans in the Criminal Justice System | 31 October  | Chloe MacKay, RFEA<br>Julie McCarthy, SSAFA             | <a href="mailto:chloe.mackay@rfea.org.uk">chloe.mackay@rfea.org.uk</a><br><a href="mailto:julie.mccarthy@ssafa.org.uk">julie.mccarthy@ssafa.org.uk</a>                       |

## Sector News

### Charity regulator makes robust use of new enforcement powers

The Charity Commission has used new legal powers on over 130 occasions since they were introduced in the Charities Act 2016. The 2016 Act provided a range of new enforcement powers to the regulator,

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including the power to disqualify individuals from charity trusteeship, and to issue Official Warnings to a charity or an individual trustee. [Read more here.](#)

### **Annual population survey: UK Armed Forces Veterans residing in Great Britain 2017**

This is an annual publication providing estimates on the size and socio-demographic characteristics of the UK veteran population living in households in England, Scotland and Wales. This publication uses responses provided in the 2016 annual population survey (APS) produced by the Office of National Statistics (ONS).

[Read more here.](#)

### **Call for Evidence: Independent Report on Service Families**

The Secretary of State for Defence has asked Andrew Selous MP to produce an independent report to Government to see what more support can be offered to Service families. In their call for evidence, the report team would like to hear from Serving Personnel and their families and from those who have recently left the armed services, as well as from providers of services to Armed Forces families in the statutory, voluntary and charity sectors. [Read more here.](#)

### **Career Transition Partnership ex-Service Personnel employment outcomes**

Statistics on the estimated employment outcomes for ex-service personnel who used the services provided by CTP have been published by the Ministry of Defence. Please [click here to read more.](#)

### **Families Continuous Attitude Survey**

This year's Families Continuous Attitude Survey (FamCAS) is now live. It helps the MOD to understand where they need to do more for Service families at home and abroad. Click [here to access the survey.](#)

### **Register to access the Veterans and Families Research Hub**

The Forces in Mind Trust [Research Centre](#) (FiMT RC) provides access to UK and international research on veterans and their families, providing research support to charities and other organisations engaged in research relevant to veterans and their families. The FiMT RC also manages the [Veterans and Families Research Hub](#), an online resource including a searchable repository of international articles and research reports, current news and developments, opportunities for networking and discussion of topics relevant to veterans and their families. Cobseo Members are invited to [register on the Hub](#) to share and gain support for the projects you are working on and to find out more. Find out more [here.](#)

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## **Member News**

For the latest news from our Membership, please [click here to access the Cobseo news section.](#) Thank you to all Members who have submitted news.

Please find the latest newsletters from Member organisations below:

### **[Veterans in Communities](#)**

### **[Naval Families Federation](#)**

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## Member Calendar

| Date             | Event   |
|------------------|---|
| 6 February       | <a href="#"><u>Cardiff City Football Foundation “One Stop Shop”</u></a>   |
| 7 March          | <a href="#"><u>Officer’s Association Annual General Meeting.</u></a><br>Please contact Alice Rule <a href="mailto:a.rule@officersassociation.org.uk">a.rule@officersassociation.org.uk</a> for more details |
| 5 April          | <a href="#"><u>Soldiering On Awards</u></a>   |
| 6 to 8 September | <a href="#"><u>2019 Normandy Veterans’ Reunion</u></a>  |

## Jobs

For the latest sector jobs, please [click here to access the Cobseo jobs portal.](#)

## Trustee Vacancies

The Ripple Pond: [Trustees](#)

Royal Navy Benevolent Trust: [Trustees](#)

Royal Navy & Royal Marines Children’s Fund: [Trustee](#)

Army Families Federation: [Trustee](#)

## Funding

Please find details of available funding below.

Members can apply for five VIP charity places each at the Reading Half Marathon on 17 March through Sage UK. The places are free, but they ask that each charity sets a minimum fundraising target of £300. Please [get in touch here](#) to apply by **2 February**.

Ogden Armed Forces Bursary Scheme

[The maximum amount of any award is £8,000 per annum](#)

Launch of the Veterans’ Community Centres Programme

[Grants of up to £30,000 are available – a small number of grants of up to £150,000 will be made to more complex projects](#)

Armed Forces Covenant Local Grants Programme reopened

[New guidance is available; designed to help applicants develop strong bids](#)

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## Training and Courses

### Employment

| Organisation | Event / course                                    | Date  | Location  |
|--------------|---|---|---|
| RFEA / CTP   | <u><a href="#">Ex-Forces Employment Fair</a></u>  | 14 February<br>7 March<br>27 March<br>25 April<br>13 June<br>4 July<br>19 September<br>17 October<br>7 November | Salford<br>Epsom<br>Newark<br>Edinburgh<br>Bristol<br>Chelmsford<br>Newcastle<br>Southampton<br>Telford |
| X-Forces     | <u><a href="#">Business Start-Up Workshop</a></u> | 22 January<br>4 February<br>5 February<br>26 February   | Portsmouth  |

### Health and Wellbeing

| Organisation          | Event / course                               | Date  | Location          |
|-----------------------|--|---|-------------------|
| AFF                   | Additional needs support groups              | Click <u><a href="#">here to find out more.</a></u> |                   |
| The Warrior Programme | <u><a href="#">Veterans and families</a></u> | 30 April to 2 May<br>25 to 27 June                  | TBC<br>TBC        |
|                       | <u><a href="#">Serving families</a></u>      | 5 to 7 March  | Wiltshire         |
|                       | <u><a href="#">Refresher days</a></u>        | 25 March<br>29 April<br>24 June                     | TBC<br>TBC<br>TBC |
|                       | <u><a href="#">Serving Personnel</a></u>     | 26 to 28 March<br>21 to 23 May                      | TBC<br>TBC        |

### Personal development

The Royal Artillery Centre for Personal Development offers a wide range of courses; [click here](#) for further details.

### 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.

| Type of course      | Course details   |
|---------------------|--|
| Sector wide courses | <u><a href="#">National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO)</a></u> |

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

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