

# MINUTES OF MEETING



**Meeting title:** Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Civil & Military Partnership Board

**Date and time:** 16/06/2021 10:00

**Location:** Teleconference

<b>Attendance</b>	
Colonel Tim Richmond (Chair)	Vice Lord-Lieutenant
Councillor Bob Collis	Gedling BC
Councillor David Walters	Ashfield DC
Councillor Abby Brennan	Rushcliffe BC
Councillor Stuart Richardson	Mansfield DC
Andrea Stone	Ashfield DC
Jane Ansell	Gedling BC
William Marshall	Newark & Sherwood DC
Megan Zemontas-Mills	Newark & Sherwood DC
Derek Hayden	Rushcliffe BC
Neil Bettison	Nottinghamshire County Council
Matthew Woods	Nottingham City Council
Lucy Lee	Nottingham City Council
Ganesh Bhandari	DWP
Jackie Hogan	Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust
Stephanie Woods	7 <sup>th</sup> Brigade
Lorraine Lees	Defence Transition Services
Louise Briggs	Defence Transition Services
Kath Hayward	Defence Transition Services
Barry Smith	EMVAPC
Bruce Spencer	RFCA and ERS
Terry Tring (Notes)	Nottinghamshire County Council

<b>Apologies</b>	
Cllr Keith Girling	Nottinghamshire County Council
Cllr Tony Eaton	Bassetlaw District Council
Cllr Eunice Campbell-Clark	Nottingham City Council
Mayor Andy Abrahams	Mansfield District Council
Stephen Brown	Bassetlaw District Council
Ann Berry	NHS
Victoria Coomber	Rushcliffe Borough Council
Jayne Fletcher	Broxtowe Borough Council
Marice Hawley	Broxtowe Borough Council
Richard Browne	Lord Lieutenancy (NCC)
Gillian Welch	Ashfield District Council

1	Welcome & Introductions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Col. Richmond welcomed everyone to the meeting</li> <li>• New members were welcomed to the meeting and a reminder provided to keep details of Armed Forces Champion, Lead Officer etc. up to date</li> </ul>
2	Previous Minutes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CMPB last met on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 and there were no matters arising from the previous minutes</li> </ul>
3	Defence Transition Services – Lorraine Lees
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lorraine Lees and Kath Hayward provided a presentation on the Defence Transition services. Kath Hayward will share the presentation with the group</li> <li>• Lorraine Lees will provide statistics and details to Neil Bettison</li> <li>• It was suggested that Kath Hayward link up with groups such as Futures</li> <li>• Louise Briggs was introduced, and they expressed their keenness to help</li> </ul>
4	Department for Work and Pensions – Ganesh Bhandari
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ganesh Bhandari was introduced to the group and they described their role and the support available from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)</li> <li>• They support 9 job centres across Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and Rutland and they are also a reservist</li> <li>• The focus is on service leavers and their families. Job Centres are available for support and help</li> <li>• There was interest from the group for data on types and geography of demand</li> <li>• Jane Ansell will send details of the Job Centre Lead at Gedling Borough Council to Ganesh</li> </ul>
5	Operation Courage – Barry Smith
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There has been significant media interest in the raised rates of veteran suicide in particular army units that have served in Afghanistan. A crisis meeting was held last Friday in the East Midlands</li> <li>• There was discussion with Doug Wing, the East Midlands lead for Operation Courage. Three Mental Health services will rebrand: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ TILS</li> <li>○ Complex Treatment Services</li> <li>○ HIS</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The proposed launch of Operation Courage in April has stuttered, possibly due to the departure of Johnny Mercer</li> <li>• Key action is to have a single point of contact (SPOC) for suicide prevention for each county. Neil Bettison proposed the County Council website as the SPOC for Nottinghamshire. The website is soon to have a revamp</li> <li>• Each Suicide Prevention Group will include a representative who is veteran-aware</li> <li>• Trusts need to consider the implication of the legislation under the Equalities Act</li> <li>• Veteran Hubs are a key part of Wellbeing and Mental Health support. There are several in the region including Buddy2Buddy cafes. Changing the model from drop-in to being more inclusive. Cllr Girling is looking to develop a Hub in the Newark area</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Victoria Coomber has applied for a grant towards a Veteran Wellbeing Hub in Loughborough. She offered to provide support with applications that others want to make</li> <li>• Data from Public Health would provide a picture of veteran mental health. Could be shared with Suicide Prevention Groups. Leicestershire are an example of best practice</li> </ul>
6	Veterans Gateway – Neil Bettison
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neil Bettison gave a presentation on the Veterans Gateway app. Neil will share the presentation with the group and the app will go onto the Nottinghamshire County Council website</li> <li>• The app can be downloaded on Apple and Android devices</li> <li>• Groups can apply to go onto the Veterans Gateway. Vetting and checks are driven by the Covenant Trust through a local point of contact</li> <li>• It is a very useful resource. Reports are available through the gateway and full reports can be requested from <a href="mailto:andrew.mcgill@northumbria.ac.uk">andrew.mcgill@northumbria.ac.uk</a></li> <li>• Masterclasses for using the Map of Need (data, reports and extraction) are recommended</li> </ul>
7	Future Events – Neil Bettison
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Operation London Bridge</b> – This involves the preparations for the Queen’s Funeral. Districts and Boroughs are working with Rob Fisher in Emergency Planning at Nottinghamshire County Council to review protocols and plans. Expectations include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Lit-up buildings</li> <li>○ Books of condolences</li> <li>○ Service at Trent Bridge Cricket Ground</li> <li>○ Military presence directed to London</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Queen’s Platinum Jubilee (2022)</b> – Planning is underway. Similar plans to VE/VJ Day events. Tim Richmond will soon be meeting with the Lord Lieutenant and Anthony May to discuss. There will be consultation in the summer and major events and military parades are proposed</li> <li>• <b>Remembrance Day</b> – likely to be significant this year as it is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Royal British Legion. Plans are in place. Covid restrictions are planned to be eased in July. Only a limited number of armed services personnel will be available. It is being led by the RBL and Ron Holdsworth will be invited to the next CMPB. A presentation is available on the RBL website <a href="#">100 years of the RBL   Centenary   Royal British Legion</a> . Gedling have three parades planned</li> </ul>
8	Round Robin & Any Other Business
Round Robin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barry Smith – Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> July of the Eastern Forum. Discussion of the draft statutory guidance and Armed Forces Bill.</li> <li>• Bruce Spencer – Employer Recognition Scheme gold and silver awards to be circulated</li> <li>• Ashfield DC (Andrea Stone) – submitted application for the Gold Award. Planning events for next week</li> <li>• Gedling BC (Jane Ansell) – Providing leisure access for veterans. Raising awareness with customer services. Working with Project Nova. Submitted application for silver award</li> <li>• Mansfield DC (Cllr Richardson) – any information to please be sent to Cllr John Smart</li> <li>• Newark &amp; Sherwood DC (William Marshall) – assessing a submission for gold award next year</li> </ul>

- Nottingham City Council (Lucy Lee) – coordinated an application with adult services for the silver award. Digital process for easing contacts with veterans goes live today. Lucy to share details with the group
- Rushcliffe BC (Cllr Brennan & Derek Hayden) – working with Melton BC and Rutland County Council on the Hub in Loughborough. Encouraging Parish Councils to sign up to the Covenant

Any Other Business

- Remembering Srebrenica – 25 years since the ethnic cleansing at Srebrenica where 8000 people were killed. Any contacts etc. to Mark Howard at Nottinghamshire County Council

9	Actions	
	Share presentation on Defence Transition services	Kath Hayward
	Defence Transition statistics to Neil Bettison	Lorraine Lees
	Details of Gedling BC Jobcentre lead to Ganesh Bhandari	Jane Ansell
	Share presentation on the Veterans Gateway app	Neil Bettison
	Invite Ron Holdsworth to the next CMPB	Neil Bettison
	Share details of digital process for easing contacts with veterans	Lucy Lee
10	Arrangements for next meeting(s):	
	Date of next meeting – Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	