

**NOTTINGHAM & NOTTINGHAMSHIRE  
CIVIL MILITARY PARTNERSHIP BOARD (CMPB)**

**Chetwynd Barracks, Chilwell, Nottingham.  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019**



**NOTES & ACTIONS ARISING**

Present	Col. (Ret'd) Tim Richmond (Chair)	TR
	Zoe Richardson	ZR
	Col. (Ret'd) John Wilson	JW
	Barry Smith	BS
	Cllr. Bob Collis	BC
	Cllr. Debbie Mason	DM
	Cllr. Tony Eaton	TE
	Cllr. David Walters	DW
	Jane Ansell	JA
	Gillian Welch	GW
	Stephanie Woods	SW
	G Jones	GJ
	Cllr. Keith Girling	KG
	Kate Marshall	KM
	Neil Bettison	NB
	Terry Tring (Notes)	TT

Apologies: Cllr Andy Gascoyne  
Jayne Fletcher  
Marice Hawley  
Stephen Brown  
Cllr Rebecca Langton  
Ann Berry

<b>Item</b>	<b>Key Decision/Action</b>	<b>Action Lead</b>
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	1. The Chair welcomed members and new attendees to the CMPB.	
<b>Record and Matters Arising From Previous Meeting</b>	<p>2. <b>Agreement of Record.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Record of Actions &amp; Decisions from the meeting on 25 April 2019 were agreed as an accurate record of proceedings.</li> </ul> <p>3. <b>Matters from previous Meeting (25 April 2019).</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion of Quality Improvement &amp; Action Plan (QIAP). It was agreed that the aim was to embed the covenant and to share and coordinate best practise. <i>Neil Bettison to collate the various Action Plans and present findings.</i></li> <li>• Representative for CCGs and NHS Trusts to be sought. <i>John Wilson has a proposal and will liaise with Neil Bettison.</i></li> <li>• Cllr Girling provided details of the success of an event at Newark Showground in May 2019.</li> </ul>	NB JW/NB

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request for information or bids to the BNA Charity can be sent to Cllr Girling at <a href="mailto:keith@bnacharity.com">keith@bnacharity.com</a></li> </ul>	
<b>Partnering with Defence</b>	<p><b>4. Employer Engagement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>John Wilson provided an update on Employer Engagement and circulated a document outlining objectives, strategy and figures on the Covenant and DERS applications (see appendix 1). There are now 127 organisations signed up to the covenant in Nottinghamshire and 2 Gold applications (one of which is Rushcliffe Borough Council). Results announced the first week of August.</li> <li>Gillian Welch asked how Ashfield Homes status will be changed now that it is part of Ashfield District Council. John Wilson said that all Silver and Gold members were reviewed every five years and Ashfield Homes would then be considered.</li> <li>Cllr Mason outlined the potential for churches signing up to the Covenant.</li> <li>John Wilson told of the interest from academies to signing the Covenant and described multi-academy sign-ups in other areas.</li> <li>John Wilson reminded members to encourage any interested companies or organisations to contact him for further information and advice.</li> </ul>	
<b>Armed Forces Champions</b>	<p><b>5. Membership and Contact Details update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neil Bettison expressed the importance of keeping the CMPB membership and contact details for Armed Forces Champions up-to-date and accurate. <i>Terry Tring will contact to ensure accuracy and then circulate details to members.</i></li> <li>Col. Richmond suggested a pocket size card with contact details. <i>Terry Tring to investigate.</i></li> <li>Cllr Girling as AFC for Notts County Council said he would like to be kept aware of events and groups in the County and commitments permitting would attend where possible.</li> <li>Barry Smith outlined the impact of breakfast clubs and events on reducing isolation. The group in Grantham has a wide age-range from 20 to 80.</li> <li>Zoe Richardson reminded everyone that the British Legion can provide £250 for help with isolation.</li> <li>Cllr Girling outlined that Age UK provide buddy services and transport can be made available for attendance.</li> <li>Cllr Mason told of the success of the Lady Bay breakfast club in attracting new members.</li> <li><i>Details of all breakfast events/clubs across the County to be emailed to Terry Tring/Neil Bettison to collate and publicise on the website.</i></li> </ul>	<p>TT</p> <p>TT</p> <p>ALL</p>

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NHS Trust	<p><b>6. Veterans' Health</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nicky Hill will not be the NHS representative on the Board as they have left the area. A replacement will be sought.</li> <li>• Issues are more than Mental Health and include loneliness and isolation.</li> <li>• Barry Smith had represented CMPBs at a recent meeting with NHS England that was scoping for an Armed Forces Network in NHS East Midlands and presented a summary.</li> <li>• Following success in the North-West and East there is an aim to create a network to focus on health outcomes for the armed forces community</li> <li>• The East and West Midlands will be divided and the network will be used to help deliver strategic initiatives coming from London by utilising connections with Local Authorities and the Third Sector. Keen for CMPBs to be involved.</li> <li>• Col. Richmond has been briefed and will meet to <i>discuss CMPB involvement with the LLR chair.</i></li> <li>• Project Cortisone – aimed at data-sharing. Information on leavers of the armed forces will be automatically transferred to the NHS with no GDPR problems. Unfortunately, experiencing IT delays,</li> </ul>	TR
Diary Dates	<p><b>7. Future Planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some discussion of how best to commemorate 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries of VE Day (8<sup>th</sup> May) and VJ Day (15<sup>th</sup> August).</li> <li>• Cllr Girling asked what preference districts had for events. One big event or smaller individual events across the county.</li> <li>• Col. Richmond said the Lord Lieutenancy would be keen on a big event and some planning had begun.</li> <li>• Gillian Welch felt that one big event would be good.</li> <li>• Neil Bettison expressed the importance of taking this opportunity to celebrate the Golden Generation.</li> <li>• Gail Jones said that they had received a national request.</li> <li>• <i>Ideas and information on events to be sent to Neil Bettison by 27/09/2019 so that they can be collated, coordinated and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Brigade could be made aware of requirements.</i></li> </ul>	ALL
Members Update	<p><b>8. Members Update.</b></p> <p><b>Col. (Retd) John Wilson</b> – DERS nominations open at the end of the year and the process should be very similar. Online platform Forces Families Jobs is available and targets jobs for forces families.</p> <p><b>Cllr. Debbie Mason</b> – Rushcliffe Borough Council have applied for Gold status. Their combined bid with Charnwood Borough Council had to be separated near the deadline and worked on with John Wilson to ensure its submission.</p> <p><b>Barry Smith</b> – provided information on the defence transition service for service leavers and their families. <i>Representative at the next meeting advised.</i> Also outlined the covenant-funded Map of Need that is an online gateway for veterans to access local information and support groups. It works using IP recognition to reduce the number of click throughs and obstacles to accessing local help. It is envisaged</p>	NB

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	<p>to go live in September but there are discussions to be had regarding governance. One proposal is for the CMPB to have governance and Neil Bettison to monitor the information available.</p> <p><b>Zoe Richardson</b> – focussing on outreach work, mobile hubs and signposting work. Developing links with soup kitchens. Local funding of £20,000 coming to an end. There will be 2 more rounds.</p> <p><b>Cllr. Tony Eaton</b> – been busy in the first 3 weeks as AFC. Developing team and frontline training.</p> <p><b>Cllr Keith Girling</b> – unveiling event for the WW1 memorial had been a success. Requested to be informed of any events across the county and will attend where possible.</p> <p><b>Gillian Welch</b> – now have an additional AFC, Councillor Andy Gascoyne. Involved with NottsWatch and the Common Grounds Conference. Asked the board for advice on finding funding for smaller groups besides the Covenant funding. Responses included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ County Councillors £5000 per year to allocate.</li> <li>➤ Regimental Associations</li> <li>➤ Benevolent Funds</li> <li>➤ SSAFA</li> <li>➤ British Legion</li> </ul> <p>What business networks are available? There are Covenant Alumni Associations for Gold and Silver members. Also Social Media groups for Covenant sign-ups.</p> <p><b>Kate Marshall</b> – benefits of the open day and focussed on data collection from the HR department.</p> <p><b>Gail Jones/Steph Woods</b> – Generalship programme will now be delivered in Leicester and thanks to previous provision from Nottingham City Council. Asked for feedback on the recent Forces Connect training. Positive response from those who attended. <i>Request for the presentation slides to be circulated.</i></p> <p><b>Cllr. Bob Collis</b> – free access to leisure centres being given to armed forces and retired forces members in Gedling.</p> <p><b>Jane Ansell</b> – asked what the best method for identifying those eligible for the free access. The Rutland Council method was recommended or registering with the Local Authority. There is also the Defence Discount Card. Provided an update on SPRING the social prosccribing project in Gedling. Halfway through the second year targeting older people including veterans. CAB being placed in GPs.</p> <p><b>Col. Tim Richmond</b> – Thanked everyone for a very interesting meeting.</p>	GJ
<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 10.30am at Chetwynd Barracks.	