

Ex-Armed Forces Personnel (‘Veterans’) Research Health Needs Assessment of Military Veterans in Halton



Overview

A ‘rapid appraisal’ of the health needs of ex-Armed Forces personnel (‘Veterans’) was commissioned by Halton Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), to inform local commissioning intentions for 2014/15.

14 recommendations for action cover:

- mental health, help-seeking behaviours and clarity of Veteran support ‘offers’.
- the dearth of locally-relevant statistics and ways to fill those gaps.
- training needs of health professionals in Veteran-sensitive practice.
- the need to promote the benefits of the Community Covenant and grants.

Aim & objectives

The aim of the work is to inform local commissioning intentions and raise the profile of Veteran health needs locally, by formalising the description of their needs.

Through meshing together existing evidence with findings from fieldwork, the study sought to:

- Summarise existing evidence on Veteran health needs.
- Integrate findings from fieldwork undertaken with Veterans and strategic stakeholders, to present an holistic overview of perceived need.
- Describe key characteristics of need for the Veteran population relevant to commissioning health services.
- Recommend actions for improvement.



Added value & outcomes

- Presentation of findings to Council and CCG senior management teams, to inform commissioning intentions.
- Recommendations designed to be easily transferred into an action plan, for Halton partners to drive forward in 2014/15.
- Research materials and templates supplied to enable ‘in-house’ repetition of the work.

More information

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Client
NHS Halton Clinical
Commissioning
Group (CCG)

Outputs

- Full & Summary reports
- Research templates
- Presentations to management teams in Council and CCG

Location
Halton; UK

“Michael worked flexibly to meet all of our requirements, delivering key recommendations that the organisation can move forward”.
Commissioning Manager,
NHS Halton CCG

“Really good piece of work and would gladly work with you again”.
Halton Council Armed
Forces Champion

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