

Cross-Party Group Annual Report.

09.11.15

Cross Party Group for the Armed Forces and Cadets

1. Group membership and office holders.

Chair: Darren Millar AM

Other Assembly Members who attend included Byron Davies AM (pre 2015 General election), Angela Burns, Lindsay Whittle AM and Mark Isherwood AM

Secretary: Mia Rees, PA to Darren Millar at the National Assembly

Other external members and the organisation(s) they represent:

Commodore Jamie Miller CBE, Naval Regional Commander of Wales and Western England Crd Tom Herman Lt Col Jim McLaren OBE RM, Chief of Staff, NRHQ (WWE)	Royal Navy
Air Cdre Adrian Williams	Royal Air Force
Brigadier Gamble Assistant Commander – Colonel Kevin Davies MBE RRC TD Deputy Commander - Lieutenant Colonel Lance Patterson	160 (Wales) Brigade
Phil Jones Peter Evans	Royal British Legion
Chris Downward	Veterans Agency and Pensions Committee and SAFA
Clive Wolfendale	Chief Executive of CAIS
Geraint Jones	CAIS
Stephen Hughes	RFCA for Wales
Dr Neil Kitchener	Veterans NHS Wales
Trevor Edwards CMgr, Director Operations Lisa Leece, Service delivery manager	Defence Medical Welfare Service (DMWS)
Col N R Beard TD DL	Chief Executive, Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for Wales
John Skipper	Veterans Community Health Council lead

2. Previous Group Meetings since the last AGM.

Meeting 1.

Meeting date: Tuesday 7th October 2014, 12.15pm – 1.15pm

Attendees:

Darren Millar AM	National Assembly
Commodore Jamie Miller CBE, Naval Regional Commander of Wales and Western England	Royal Navy
Air Cdre Adrian Williams	Royal Air Force
Assistant Commander – Colonel Kevin Davies MBE RRC TD	160 (Wales) Brigade
Phil Jones	Royal British Legion
Chris Downward	Veterans Agency and Pensions Committee and SAFA
Clive Wolfendale	Chief Executive of CAIS
Geraint Jones	CAIS
Stephen Hughes	RFCA for Wales
Dr Neil Kitchener	Veterans NHS Wales
Trevor Edwards CMgr	Director Operations at the Defence Medical Welfare Service (DMWS)
Lisa Leece	Service delivery manager DMWS
Mark Isherwood	National Assembly
Byron Davies AM	National Assembly
Mia Rees	PA to Darren Millar and CPG Secretary

Summary of issues discussed:

Talks:

- 'Change Step Programme' - Clive Wolfendale Chief Executive of CAIS
- Update from Dr Neil Kitchener - "How we are using recent funding to tackle waiting lists in Veterans NHS Wales"
- Trevor Edwards CMgr, Director Operations at the Defence Medical Welfare Service

Discussions:

- Phil Jones from the Royal British Legion – Quick update on the new Cardiff and Wrexham Pop-in facilities
- Discussion on the Scottish Veterans Commissioner

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Meeting 2.

Meeting date: Wednesday 29th April 2015 12.15pm – 1.15pm

Attendees:

Brigadier Gamble will be represented by Colonel Lance Patterson.
 Commodore Jamie Miller, Naval Regional Commander, Wales and Western England
 Air Commodore, Adrian Williams
 Dick Allen, Gp Capt, Rgnl Comdt (Air Force)
 Byron Davies AM
 John Skipper - CHC lead for Armed Forces
 Dr. Neil J. Kitchiner - Veterans' NHS Wales (attending with student Nurse Rhian)
 Phil Jones – RBL
 Mike Simpson - Regional Manager (South) - DMWS (Defence Medical Welfare Service)
 Lisa Leece - Acting Regional Manager (North) - DMWS (Defence Medical Welfare Service)
 Lt Col S M M Hughes - Deputy Chief Executive - Reserve forces and Cadets' Association for Wales

Summary of issues discussed:

- **Chairs welcome and Introduction**
 - Introduce the speakers and mention the briefing on the report by the Scottish Veterans Commissioner
- **Cadets in Wales**
 - Stephen Hughes from the Reserve forces and Cadets' Association for Wales
- **Armed Forces Covenant**
 - John Skipper: There are lots of meetings, forum and groups that have developed – time is ripe to make sure they are achieving what we want them to do. We don't want to run out of steam and waste scarce energy, resources and the enormous good will that exists.
 - Dr Neil Kitchiner: Brief update on where **NHS Veterans Wales** is regarding service and capacity
- Issues from Mark Isherwood's constituent

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Meeting 3.

Meeting date: Wednesday 14th October 2015 - 12.15-13.15pm

Attendees:

Darren Millar AM	Chair, AM for Clwyd West
Mia Rees	Secretary
Colonel Lance Patterson	Colonel L Patterson, Deputy Commander, 160 th Infantry Brigade and Headquarters Wales
Lt Col Jim McLaren	Lt Col Jim McLaren OBE RM, Chief of Staff, NRHQ (WWE)

Barbra McGregor	NRHQ (WWE)
Air Commodore Adrian Williams Air Officer Wales - RAF	RAF Wales
Col N R Beard TD DL	Chief Executive, Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for Wales
Jo Dover	Service Delivery Manager & Mental Health First Aid Trainer, Wales & South West England, Defence Medical Welfare Service (DMWS)

Summary of issues discussed:

- Chairs welcome and apologies
 - Introduce the speakers and draw the Group's attention to the briefing providing an update on cadet forces in Wales from the Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for Wales.
- Presentation by Professor F D Rose Coordinator at Universities in Support of Wounded Injured and Sick Service Personnel (UNSWIS)
- Update from Colonel L Patterson, Deputy Commander, 160th Infantry Brigade and Headquarters Wales
 - First anniversary update on the forces transformation to an Adaptive Force Deployable Brigade
- Film Trailer and information Community Covenant Outreach Film Project by Mark Axler, Director and Community Covenant Outreach Film Project Lead
- Discussion: Military visits to schools
- Feedback from the Assembly debate
- AMG Business:
- Re-election of Chair
- Re-election of Secretary

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3. Professional lobbyists, voluntary organisations and charities with whom the Group has met during the preceding year.

Royal British Legion

The Royal British Legion / Y Lleng Brydeinig Brenhinol
18/19 High Street / Y Stryd Fawr
Cardiff/ Caerdydd
CF10 1PT

<http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/about-us/the-legion-near-you/legion-in-wales>

Defence Medical Welfare Service (DMWS)

The Old Stables
Redenham Park
Redenham
Nr Andover
SP11 9AQ

www.dmws.org.uk

CAIS Drug and alcohol treatment

CAIS

12 Trinity Square

Llandudno

LL30 2RA

<http://www.cais.co.uk/>

Universities in Support of Wounded Injured and Sick Service Personnel (UNSWIS)

David Rose F.D.Rose@uel.ac.uk

Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for Wales (RFCAW)

Maindy Barracks

Barics Maindy

Cardiff

CF14 3YE

www.wales-rfca.org

SSAFA

<https://www.ssafa.org.uk/>

Annual Financial Statement.

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Cross Party Group for the Armed Forces and Cadets

There are no expenses for this CPG

Group's Expenses.	None.	£0.00
Costs of all goods.	No goods purchased.	£0.00
Benefits received by the group or individual Members from outside bodies.	No benefits received.	£0.00
Any secretariat or other support.	No financial support received.	£0.00
Services provided to the Group such as hospitality.		
All refreshments paid for by [include name of group/organisation].		
Date	Description and name of provider	Cost
		£0.00
Total cost		£0.00