

## **FOI 0272/2205 Response**

Dear FOI Team,

I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information in relation to veterans and the Armed Forces community within your Trust:

### **1. Inpatient treatment pathway for veterans**

- Does your Trust have a dedicated inpatient treatment pathway specifically for veterans? If so, please provide details.

There isn't a specific inpatient pathway for veterans within the organisation.

However, the inpatient teams have access to OpCourage Veteran services to consult with whilst veterans are inpatients.

Op Courage provides consultation to enhance the military-sensitivity of the work, and support Veterans to transition from Inpatients to Community Mainstream services local to their area, dependent on their clinical needs.

### **2. Veteran staff employed by the Trust**

- How many members of staff currently employed by your Trust identify as veterans?
- Please provide this information broken down by gender.

<b>Supplementary Role</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
Armed Forces Family Member	9	2	11
Armed Forces Reservist	1	2	3
Armed Forces Veteran	3	7	10
Cadet Armed Forces Volunteer		1	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>25</b>

3. **Veterans treated within the Trust in the last 12 months**

- **How many veterans have been treated by your Trust in the last 12 months?**
- **Please provide a breakdown by division/service (e.g., Adult Mental Health, Forensic services, etc.), and specify whether treatment was provided in inpatient or community care settings where possible.**

Please note:

- The data provided below includes any veterans seen as an inpatient or in the community between September 2024 and August 2025.
- Service users are counted once regardless of how many contacts they had or how many services gave treatment.
- The numbers shown are those for people where we have explicitly recorded that they identify as a veteran. However, it is likely that actual numbers are higher, particularly for people who came into contact with our services before recording of veteran status was routine.

Total Veterans treated within the Trust in the last 12 months
343

The total below is broken down by service. If a service user was treated by more than one service they are counted once for each service.

Community/Inpatient	Service Name	Total
Community	Veterans – Op Courage	180
Community	Talking Therapies	86
Community	Community Mental Health Teams (working age adults)	37
Community	Community Mental Health Teams (older adults)	23
Community	Home Treatment	11
Community	Liaison Psychiatry (General Hospitals)	10
Community	Neighbourhood Mental Health Teams	7

Community	Spiritual Care	5
Community	Assertive Outreach	5
Community	Liaison & Diversion Service	4
Community	Neuropsychiatry	3
Community	Individual Placement and Support - IPS	3
Community	Electrocardiogram - Community ECG	2
Community	Homeless Service	2
Community	Physical Therapies	2
Community	Speech & Language Therapy	2
Community	Tobacco Dependency	2
Community	Steps 2 Recovery Inpatient Rehabilitation	1
Community	Secure Services - Psychology	1
Community	Secure Services – Occupational Therapy	1
Community	Specialist Psychotherapies	1
Community	Rare Dementia Service	1
Community	Secure Services - Men	1
Community	OAKS Group Therapies Programme	1
Community	Older Peoples Interventions Pathway (OPIP)	1
Community	Memory Assessment Service	1
Community	Bipolar Service	1
Community	COMPASS – Addictions Dual Diagnosis Service	1
Community	111 Service	1
Community	24/7 Neighbourhood Mental Health Centre	1
Community	ADHD Services for Birmingham & Solihull	1
Inpatient	Acute Inpatients – working age adults	3
Inpatient	Neuropsychiatry	2
Inpatient	Secure Services - Men	1
Inpatient	Steps 2 Recovery Inpatient	1
Inpatient	Acute Inpatients – older adults	1

#### 4. Support for the Armed Forces community

**What specific support does your Trust offer for the Armed Forces community (including serving personnel, reservists, veterans, and their families)? For clarity, a veteran is a person who has served in the UK's Armed Forces for at least one day, whether as a regular service member or a reservist, and has since left that service. A member of the Armed Forces community may include serving personnel, reservists, veterans, and their families. For clarity, a veteran is a person who has served in the UK's Armed Forces for at least one day, whether as a regular service member or a reservist, and has since left that service. A member of the Armed Forces community may include serving personnel, reservists, veterans, and their families.**

The organisation is signed up to the Armed Forces Military Covenant and has Veteran Aware accreditation.

This shows the commitment the organisation has pledged to support the Armed Forces Community and their families.

The Trust provides all employees information of accessing support when needed in supporting their own health and well-being, i.e. health, finance, housing, social, to meet their individual needs.

In addition to this, Armed Forces Champion, Veteran Voices, Family and Carers support groups are held regularly to enable Veterans to have a voice and say in helping shape service developments, provide peer support to other service users, their families, and carers to feel involved, and advocate for their loved ones.

OpCourage services provide liaison sessions regularly to other services within the Trust to showcase their work and to provide military specific training or just ad hoc advice to help other clinical services better understand and manage the needs of Veterans and their families to support their recovery and transition to civilian life.