

## Useful websites

There are also a range of other local and national services who may be able to help members of the armed forces community. Some of these are listed below:

- [Veterans Gateway](#) is a national website which puts veterans and their families in touch with the organizations best placed to help with the information, advice and support they need – from healthcare and housing to employability, finances, personal relationships and more.
- [Career Transition Partnership](#) helps service leavers find new careers through a resettlement support programme. In this programme, service leavers who complete between 4 and 6 years' service are entitled to the employment support programme (ESP). The ESP programme directly supports job finding activity such as financial and career support.
- [NHS Choices website](#) has a special section on healthcare for veterans and their families.
- [SSAFA](#) provides information and support for those needing assistance with housing support for military families. The guidance they offer includes homelessness, housing benefits, accessing social housing and tenants' rights.
- [Ministry of Defense Enhanced Credit Scheme \(ELC\)](#) promotes lifelong learning amongst members of the Armed Forces. This scheme provides financial support for service leavers who are in pursuit of higher level education.
- [The University of Leicester](#) is an approved provider for the ELC and has made their distance learning courses available under this scheme.
- [Royal British Legion](#) provides care and support to all members of the British Armed Forces and their families. The legion offers career advice, financial aid in an urgent crisis and housing support.
- [Soldiers Charity](#) provides support to soldiers and veterans from the British Army, and their immediate families, when they are in need.
- [Children Education Advisory Service \(CEAS\)](#) are a national service that provides expert and impartial advice about the education of service children. They are experienced in advising service parents on a wide range of issues regarding the education of service children in the UK and overseas.
- [Combat Stress](#) is a leading charity for veteran's mental health. They help former servicemen and women deal with issues like trauma, anxiety, depression and post-traumatic stress disorder. They provide support on the phone or at their treatment centres.
- [Help for Heroes Hidden Wounds Service](#) provide free and confidential mental health support for Veterans and military families living with challenges such as excessive worry, depression, stress and alcohol problems.

## Local groups

- [Veterans Breakfast Clubs](#) are places which facilitate veterans and servicing personnel meeting face to face in a relaxed safe social environment.
- [Citizens Advice](#) provides housing support for people leaving the Armed Forces, veterans and their families. This includes information to find out about the help available to you, depending on your situation.
- [Age UK](#) offers tailored support for older veterans to help with their independent living. For more information contact: [michaela.forty@ageukleics.org.uk](mailto:michaela.forty@ageukleics.org.uk)

- [City of Leicester College](#) provides funding support for students from disadvantaged backgrounds to ensure they benefit from the same opportunities as students from less deprived families. Students whose parent/parents are currently serving in the armed forces or are in receipt of a pension from the MoD are entitled to £300.
- [Veterans' Mental Health Transition, Intervention and Liaison \(TIL\) Service](#) is a free NHS mental health service for all ex-serving members of the UK Armed Forces and service personnel who are making the transition to civilian life including reservists.