VETERANS COMMUNITY HUB
ROYAL NAVY, ARMY, ROYAL AIR FORCE RESERVISTS
YOU & YOUR FAMILY MATTER.

Working in partnership with Hull City Council and the Goodwin Development Trust, the Veterans Community Hub supports veterans and their families with a strong multi-agency partnership approach. Bringing the services currently provided in the city together, we’ve created a new, informal space for the ex-forces community to utilise and enjoy.

Goodwin will work closely with HCC to ensure veterans receive quality support, advice and access to available mainstream services. The Hub will allow greater access to services for veterans and the Armed Forces community, strengthening partnership working between service providers. The project will support the delivery of the Sub-Regional Partnership Project to identify need and align support required for veterans and the Armed Forces community.
Services available include:

**Employability.**

- Armed Forces Work club (part time post currently funded by HCC)
- IT Courses and Internet access;
- Volunteering opportunities;
- Royal British Legion;
- Employability support for individuals who are work ready or in need of extra help.

**Homelessness.**

- Work with other housing providers: HCC, Hull Churches Housing, Places for People and Anchor Housing, as well as GDT’s own properties.
- Local Hostels, and Private Landlords;
- Citizens Advice Armed Forces Money Advice Project (part time post currently funded by HCC)
- Project Nova;

**Social Isolation**

- Providing a weekly Call in Time service to socially isolated beneficiaries;
- Supporting beneficiaries to access social activities, such as lunch clubs, day trips and health and wellbeing activities.
- Improved kitchen/pantry facilities will enable monthly coffee mornings to expand into weekly/weekend breakfast club and café facilities. A weekday lunch club will also be held at another Goodwin building (The Octagon), to allow social networking, the highlighting of areas of concern, and signposting veterans to available services.
- The Veterans Community Hub is also looking at providing an allotment, where veterans can produce food to be distributed back to veterans and their families through the Pantry.

**Outreach and Family Support.**

- RBL Welfare Caseworkers
- TILS (Transition, Intervention, and Liaison Service)
- CAB Armed Forces Money Advice Project (part time post currently funded by HCC)
- Combat Stress;
- Age UK;
- Food Parcel and Food Pantry;
- Veterans UK;
- Pensions Services;

The main outcomes for the Veterans Community Hub are:

1. For the building to become a key point of contact for veterans to access advice and support;
2. To maximise the use of the building for providing support to veterans with additional services available;
3. Greater awareness of the support available for veterans and the Armed Forces community.

The lasting impact of this project will be demonstrated by the creation of a sustainable Community Hub, which is widely accessed by veterans and the Armed Forces community.

This Hub will allow stronger links to develop between service providers, allowing a more consistent and coordinated approach of supporting veterans through partnership working.

Simplifying the access to support will lead to wider usage of the building and greater awareness of the needs of veterans, allowing services be better aligned to meet the needs of veterans.
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