

STAND TO Report on Veterans and the Criminal Justice system- Derbyshire Feasibility Study 2020-21



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Background Context .

STAND TO – Derbyshire Veteran Alcohol Support Project was developed by DAAS in 2015. Funded by DCC, the NCF Lottery, Lloyds and the Royal British Legion, the service provided dedicated alcohol support to veterans in Derbyshire affected by alcohol misuse. At that time it was estimated that around 60,000 veterans were living in Derbyshire. The figure has since increased and there are now around 125,000 veteran and family members living in the County. (We await further detail from the recently conducted Veteran Research Project – DU 2020 and the 2021 March Gov Population Census).

The STAND TO project has continued to thrive over the last five years with additional funding being provided by Armed Forces Covenant and COSBEO and we are currently in the process of preparing for our next four-year NCF lottery bid. The new service will build on the success of our Alcohol Project, under the umbrella term ; Derbyshire Veteran Community Support Services (DVCSS) and will include a Veteran information point, (VIP) to widen access into support for veterans and families in Derbyshire, offer a veteran awareness training programme, and will continue to develop the existing STAND TO alcohol service. The latter incorporates; nurse prescribing and BACP accredited counselling specialising in substance misuse, trauma and PTSD, offering REWIND and EMDR interventions.

Our project offers veterans the opportunity to access and address a number of issues via our VIP and its links to a range of veteran services in Derbyshire. The VIP also links with the National Veteran Gateway, to provide access to services outside Derbyshire. Through our VIP we can directly support commonly presented issues such as transition to civilian life, re-adjustment, substance misuse and the impact on family breakdown, trauma and PTSD, Recovery, and group support. We also have a comprehensive directory of both generic and specialist veteran support services and can provide assisted signposting, which means that veterans or family members who contact the VIP will receive a call back or follow up, and/or support to access services.

Throughout the development of the DVCSS our aim has been to improve and widen support for veterans and facilitate access to a comprehensive range of services. However, we have been aware of the absences of any robust links to the Criminal Justice system. Given the well documented link from Veteran transition, excessive alcohol use and criminal activity (through desensitisation, lowered inhibition, and risk immunity levels): see footnote¹-

This link is further evidenced by work undertaken through the Project Nova projects, sadly has not led to the development of a similar project in Derbyshire. We identified a need therefore to develop our own local feasibility study, the aim of which was to look at

¹ Research by Brewin Garnett and Andrews 2010: Trauma, Identity and Mental Health in UK Military Veterans 2010

the current pathways available for veterans in the CJS, into support services, and to make some recommendations about how this might be improved expanded or implemented in Derbyshire.

Evidence of Need

The success of Project Nova which had been established in areas across the UK to offer vital links from CJ to services, is well documented. The project enabled veterans entering the CJ system an intervention at an early stage of arrest or caution, with the purpose of reducing numbers of those who might go on to serve prison sentences. The finding of research and pilot studies supported the theory that early targeted help for veterans who become involved in the criminal justice system reduces the incidence of custodial sentences within the veteran population. The 2017 report a commissioned review as early as 2011 and 2014, which included recommendations for improved support and rehabilitation for veterans.

In 2014 the then Secretary of State for Justice, Chris Grayling, commissioned a review examining former members of the Armed Forces in the Criminal Justice System (CJS), henceforth referred to as the Phillips Review (2014). The subsequent report included recommendations for improved support and rehabilitation for veterans. The report highlighted that changes in practice are needed to identify veterans on the CJS pathway, including those in Police custody, particularly the need for earlier provision of appropriate interventions prior to sentencing.

However, in Derbyshire no such service has been implemented and veterans who enter the criminal justice system rarely receive an intervention which recognises their veteran status. Therefore they are not directly linked with services that might provide them with specialist support. An exception is that a veteran champion linked to Derbyshire Mental Health services, provides a response to veterans arrested in the Derby City areas. (He has provided his view within our full PCC feasibility report). Appendix (ii)

Our feasibility study began from that stand point, which was the absence in Derbyshire of a means to offer veterans an early targeted intervention to reduce the likelihood of both further reoffending, and or custodial sentence. Our very simple view was that if Project Nova has succeeded elsewhere, why hasn't a similar project been established in Derbyshire, particularly given the high numbers of veterans living in the county. Moreover, having established a dedicated alcohol support service which is well known and regarded in Derbyshire, despite networking and information dissemination, why does our STAND TO project receive so few referrals from custody suites or police?

In effect veterans with alcohol issues who offend have not been made aware of or referred into a veteran led support service providing dedicated support, speedy referral

and the opportunity to take advantage of the evidence based additional specialist support that is available to them.

This provided the impetus for our feasibility study which was conducted through PCC funding and took place between May 2020 and December 2020 by Danny Webb, one of our STAND TO alcohol team. Danny, a veteran himself had suffered both alcohol and mental health issues which resulted in his entering the criminal justice system. He was well aware, having first-hand experience of the system, of what was missing for him, and other veterans. He identified this as first and foremost, : *A lack of recognition of his veterans status, of the impact of PTSD, of civilian transition and resultant family breakdown and isolation and a lack of veteran focussed support to support his mental health and alcohol misuse.*

Danny began the study from a place of honesty and openness, which was well received throughout the study. He produced a *U Tube* webinar about his own experiences of alcohol misuse , mental health, and the CJ system. He spoke to a range of services and personnel as is outlined in the report these included; all CJ services, probation, police, courts, mental health services, hospitals, veteran support services and to veterans themselves. The stories shared by veterans and their experiences are contained within appendices to this report. The findings of the study support our view that at the point of arrest, the key question of serving should be routinely asked, and veterans should be given an opportunity at this early stage to have a fast track referral into a veteran specific support service. Diagrams of the proposed model are included within the appendices

Recommendations

The provision of the ST Veteran Information point offered by DCVSS could be utilised by those veterans who are taken into custody, not only those who have alcohol or substance misuse issues, but also those who have a range of co-existing or stand-alone issues. Of most significance, the VIP is a provision run by veterans for veterans, and this is a key identified area of positive engagement for veterans borne out by research findings published in our 2017 STAND TO report confirming that:

veterans are more likely to trust and rely on colleagues who have a unique insight and understanding of military life, there is a unique language, a common bond and unspoken understanding between those who have served their country.

In the 2017 Project Nova report, Buddy schemes were identified as a potential useful intervention method in relation to a community-based diversion approach and that Buddy schemes provided by veterans offer a uniquely empathetic approach.

The ST VIP also offers signposting to support for the families of veterans and as identified again within the Project Nova report 2017 the PN team found that families of veteran offenders sometimes needed as much support as the veterans themselves, often with

issues of co-dependency. They found that Veterans felt feel isolated and unable to share their problems with their family members and this provoked reactions from veterans that sometimes lead to detrimental outcomes, evidenced in the report by high incidences of sexual offences and domestic violence.

With appropriate investment, the VIP could offer the vital link between Criminal Justice Services in Derbyshire and a range of veteran focussed support. (see diagram in appendix (i) of report

The need for this vital liaison between CJ and veteran services is of even more importance, given post Co-vid increases in veteran arrests. As identified in the recent COSBEO report, there is a resultant need for Veterans to “reconnect” and to establish the support networks they have missed.

The Cluster agreed that ‘digital poverty’ needed further consideration; as does risk assessments on how to re-establish face-to-face contact. While there had been an initial pause in many CJS activities, demand was now rising as the Courts reconvene, and with the Police reporting that arrests are starting to climb. Quantifying needs in the CJS area is an ongoing challenge, and the Cluster was working with FiMT to shape a Research Requirement.

In her article *alcohol abuse why veterans suffer in silence* published in 2020, Dr Paula Holt discusses that in May 2020 after the first UK lockdown, Alcoholics Anonymous reported a 300% increase in enquiries, and in August the British Liver Trust said it had seen an increase in calls of 500% since lockdown began. She states:

“These headlines suggest that the uptake of support services is high, but the reality is that many veterans don’t feel comfortable asking for help or support. They are trained to carry on under all kinds of incredibly difficult conditions to help them cope in the field, and that endurance stays with them, making them reluctant to seek help when they most need it.” [Research from Combat Stress.](#)

As illustrated by one of our STAND TO Veterans it is clear that for many there is a direct correlation between lack of networks and support, relapse and offending behaviour :

“ I have felt isolated, very lonely the days are very long, I have started drinking again, and I know that this means the likelihood of me getting into trouble again with the police increases, I can’t afford for that to happen, if I do I will lose contact with my son, who I have just begun to build a relationship, with. I need to get back to meeting with other veterans like me, have those real conversations and take part in the boot camps and walks and fishing which basically kept me sane before lockdown”

Summary Recommendation based on research, service user feedback and DAAS STAND TO CJ feasibility study

Our findings result in our setting Key Aims and outcomes that are two-fold

- **To reduce numbers of veterans re-offending and going on to serve custodial sentences-**
- **To increase opportunities for veterans to access support services establish and provide peer support networks**

Outcomes:

- **Reduction in costs of reoffending, courts prison services and probation.**
- **Improved mental and physical health and well-being of our veteran community**

Our simple recommendation is that a pathway could be easily established, with the following key process embedded (see diagram in this report appendix)

- 1) Roll out Veteran awareness training across courts, probation, and police services**
- 2) Establish an “ask the veteran question” procedure, which means that any offenders who come into contact with CJ are asked if they have served in the British Armed Forces as a matter of routine**
- 3) If so, provide the veteran with a tear off lip with the STAND TO VIP number, or the police or custody staff, ring the VIP there and then, or email, with offenders permission leave the contact details of the veteran who will be contacted that day or the following day by a veteran from the project.**
- 4) Arresting officers or police or probation will be provided with follow up from the VIP should this be requested**
- 5) The veteran will be offered veteran to veteran buddying support from a STAND TO staff member or volunteer, signposting to services most appropriate to their need (via the Derbyshire VIP veteran support Directory)**
- 6) The veteran could also receive a fast track referral into substance misuse services, or counselling services and information about a local MESS (veteran peer support group) in their area, assisted referral to financial support services, family or relationship support.**
- 7) Where appropriate, the veteran responder/volunteer will also provide follow up support, or meet with the veteran , and will provide the veteran with information about group and recovery support and activities offered through our AFC funded Tackling Loneliness and Positive pathways programmes.**

Monitoring and Reporting

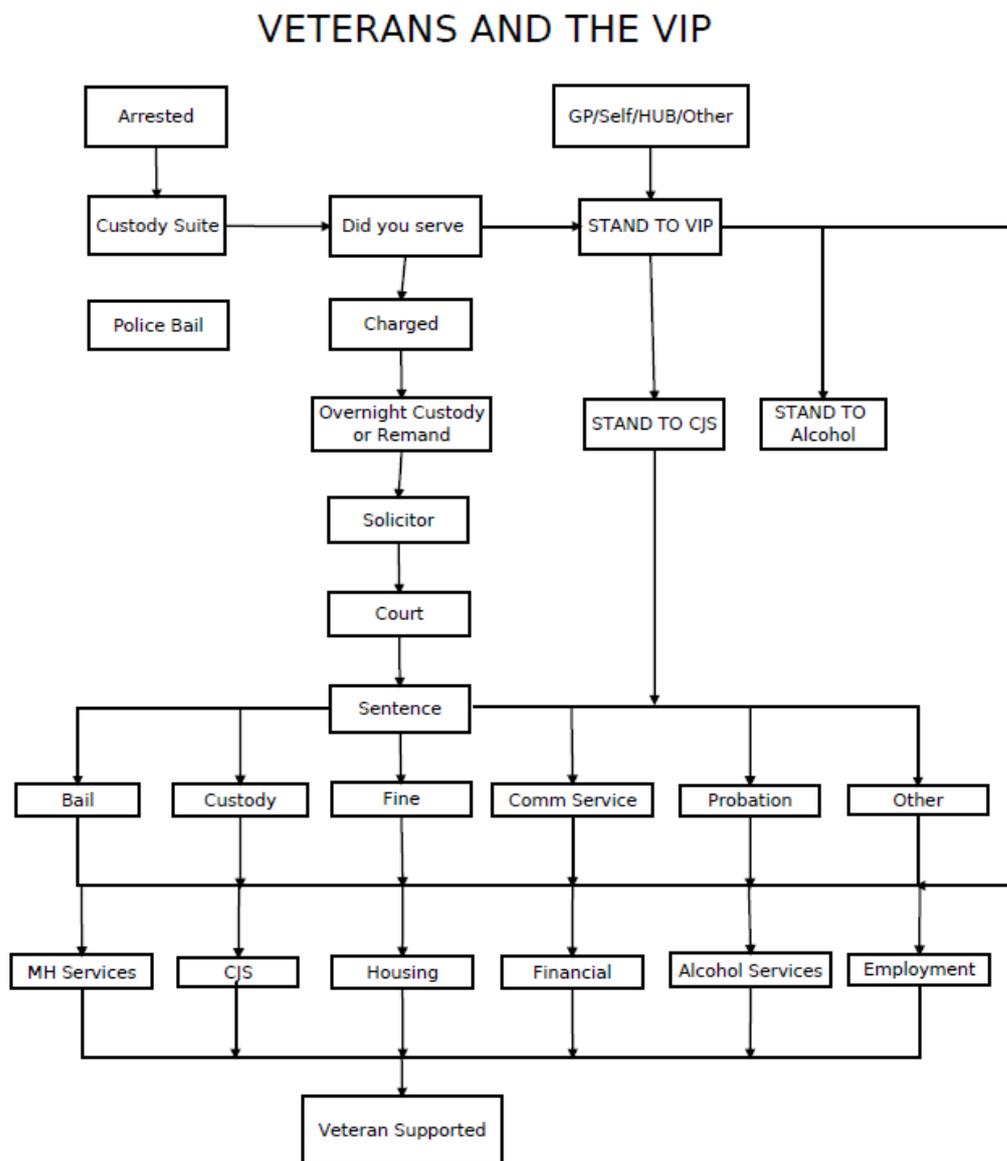
Our further recommendation would be to establish information sharing review meetings with CJ services, so that the efficacy of the local arrangements can be verified, follow up information and outcomes monitored, and re-offending and re-presentations addressed through outreach and re-engagement strategies.

Measurements of improvements in veteran health and wellbeing will be gained through use of AFC positive health and wellbeing monitoring tool, Outcomes Star and for those referred into treatment services PHQ9 and GAD7.

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Appendix (i)

Proposed diagram of pathway from custody/arrest to ST VIP



Appendix (ii) case study

Your experience as a member of the ex-armed forces, alcohol use and the criminal justice system



Case study one **Male** Age: _____ redacted _____ Current employment status: Retired, P/T work, F/T work, Job seeker, **Sickness**

Marital status: _____ Single _____ incapacity, Retraining

Ethnicity/religion: _____ White/British _____ **Church of England**

Did you serve in the; Army/Navy/RAF/Marines? Army _____ How long for: _____ redacted years _____

What issues (if any) around mental health or substance misuse did you experience whilst serving? Heavy drinker at the time, it was just the norm. I didn't think that I had mental health issues

that were effecting me at the time.

SECTION 2- About your experience of the criminal justice system			
Events	Arrests, Warnings and Cautions from Police	Held overnight in Custody or Remand	What happened? Provide a brief overview of the event.
Year 2014	Arrested and put in cells all weekend	All weekend as I was arrested on a <u>Friday</u> so no one was there to let me out-Scotland.	Argument with the wife when I was under the influence of alcohol.
Year 2019	Arrested and put in cells overnight	Overnight and released with a court date.	Argument with the neighbour's that I had downstairs from me in my flat. Very noisy.
Year 2020	Arrested and put in a cell.	Spent the night in the cells	Argument with neighbours over social distancing and noise.

Were you asked at any time during any arrest whether you served in the armed forces?

No If yes, were you signposted to any specific veteran support services?

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If yes, were you signposted to any specific veteran support services?

Yes/No

If yes, which services were these?

Did YOU tell the Police you are a veteran? _Yes ___If not why not? _I told the police that I was a veteran as I wanted them to know that I was a descent bloke and had served my county and that I wouldn't cause them any trouble. _

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Were you asked at any time during any arrest whether you served in the armed forces?

No

If yes, were you signposted to any specific veteran support services?

Which court dealt with you; Magistrates/ Crown Court? ___Magistrate-for all three of the offences committed..

What was the Charge?___Assault, verbal assault, and the last one was assault also.

What was the sentence? _12 months CS/ no fine
9 months probation and £300 fine
Pending

After sentencing did you get any offer of specific veteran support? i.e. Veterans UK, Veterans Welfare services, TILS, CTS or any other support services? If so, which were they?

All I got was a leaflet about drinking as I walked out of the police station saying have a read of this and there was a veteran support number on it. The leaflet went in my back pocket and I didn't read it, I didn't think any one was interested.

What impact did your arrest/caution/sentence have on your mental health?

Nearly Killed me, knocked me back to a place where I thought I would never go back to mentally. And this time I am waiting to be sentenced, and everything else is good, moved to a new house, everything else is on track just this over my head. I'm on hold at the moment-on Standby waiting to see what will happen.

What impact did it have on your relationships with others and within your family?

Broke up my marriage in the end, relationships with the children stayed the same in the main as I wasn't seeing them at the time. Feels like Groundhog Day, its looming over me all of the time, always in the back of my mind which meant I couldn't get on with my life.

What impact did it have on your employability and finances?

I've not tried employment as my mental health has been so severely effected. I don't trust people in authority, and I resent being told what to do.
Have had to resort to benefits and I am slowly getting into debt.

What do you think might have helped you during this process?

Understanding, someone understanding what I have been through and what I am going through-opening up because I don't trust a lot of people.

What did make a difference and helped you to begin to move forward

Understanding and talking -moving to a new house and getting away from the situation that caused it in the first place. The noise was terrible, and I couldn't stand it.

Do you have any further comments?

I felt like the council just put me in the flat and left me there, I didn't get any help form anywhere at the time. Council phoned me in 2020 the day after my arrest and I have now managed to move home feels like I had to get arrested to get any help at all. .

SECTION 3 – About your alcohol use

How many units of alcohol were you drinking per week during your most problematic drinking period. Alcohol units per week

150

Please provide detail below of the type of alcohol you were drinking.

Type of Alcohol

Type	Brand (if known)	ABV% (if known)	Size of can/bottle
Vodka	Any	40%	1litre

Please tick the box which best describes your drinking pattern

- Heavy drinker but not drinking every day Daily heavy drinker Daily
Dependent Drinker Chronic binge sessions that could last weeks
 Other please describe I would binge for three or four days have a couple of days off and repeat the process.

SECTION 4 - About GP & A&E visits and assistance from Emergency Services

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| <p>1. Have you ever seen your GP about your drinking?</p> <p>2. Have you ever required medical assistance from paramedic/ambulance services, and was it linked to your drinking?</p> <p>3. Have you ever attended A&E and was that visit linked either directly or indirectly to your drinking?</p> <p>4. Have you ever been an in-patient in hospital as a result of your drinking?</p> <p>5. How many times have the police been called and it was linked to your drinking?</p> <p>6. How many times have you been arrested, and your offence was linked to your drinking?</p> | <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, how many times approximately?</p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, how many times approximately?
Once, when I tried to harm myself under the influence.</p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, how many times approximately?
Linked directly to my drinking</p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, how many times approximately?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, how many times approximately?
The 3 times I have been arrested were all while I was under the influence of alcohol.</p> <p>YES NO <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, how many times approximately?
As above</p> |
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SECTION 5 - Your experience with STAND TO (only complete the following sections if you have been a client or have been referred to our service)

We would like to know about your experience of STAND TO.

- a) If you have reduced your drinking we would like to know HOW, and what areas have improved in your life i.e. health, finances etc.
- My whole life now has improved and I am not drinking now, I know that this may change. Things are going good, the people that I was surrounded by where not good for me and I felt lonely. Just by being able to talk to Jane and build up the trust I feel like someone is interested in me and my welfare.

b) . Using the boxes below please provide details.

Amount of alcohol per day and pattern of drinking at referral	Length in the service	How the service helped and your daily consumption after being in service
1 litre daily of vodka on a binge		I can talk to someone on my wavelength, jane listens and it doesn't go in one ear and out of the other. Increased awareness of what alcohol does to my mental health.

- c) When and how did you become involved with STAND TO? Why at this time?
- d) Dr gave me a leaflet for STAND TO-I chickened out of the first appointment but plucked up the courage to attend the second one in the office and then Jane continued to come to my house. Family pressure at the time, I needed to nip it in the bud I knew I was drinking to much and everyone around me kept saying so.

e) You were allocated a keyworker with knowledge of or who served in the armed forces – Did you find this helpful? **YES X**

If yes, in what way. If no, please explain.

The same level straight away, had the experience of been there done that instead of someone who doesn't know what they are talking about.

f) What has been most helpful to you whilst being in STAND TO service?

g) Talking and understanding. Being able to express myself freely for the first time.

h) Did you access any recovery services and/or activities for example SMaRT, AA, ITS, Recovery Through Nature projects, art activities, access to a gym or other exercise programmes? **YES NO** COVID happened but I will be as soon as I am able. (Planning to attend the 3 recovery activities in September 2020)

i) Did you access any therapeutic activities for example, acupuncture, hypnotherapy, counselling?
YES NO COVID-19 happened before I was ready

If yes, how helpful has this been to your recovery progress? If it was not helpful, please explain why you think that is?

SECTION 6 - Family Life and Relationships

Have relationships with your loved ones and friends improved? **YES X NO**

If yes, in what way? If no, why do you think this is?

Am able to express myself more to my mum which means she doesn't worry about me as much now. She knows if I need to talk to her than I will and I'm not just sat at home drinking.

SECTION 7 - Other areas of your life

Have there been any positive improvements in other areas of your life since you have been involved with STAND TO? For example, your social life has improved, or you've attended job interviews or have been offered a job, or perhaps you've attended education classes or more.

Moved house, change of lifestyle and the people that I was hanging around with. Applied for PIP with a supporting letter from Jane, waiting to hear back due to COVID-19. I've got a girlfriend, going steady and I know myself more.

SECTION 8- About your emotional well-being

a) Have you seen improvements in your emotional well-being? **YES X NO**

If yes, in what way. If not, why do you think this is?

My general well being is better. I still have some dark days, but they aren't as many as there used to be.

SECTION 9 - Your general and physical health

a)Have you seen any improvements in your general and physical health? **YES XNO** If yes, please explain further. If no, please explain why you think this is?

I feel a lot better in myself. IM getting my strut back and gaining a bit of confidence. Personal appearance has changed and I'm combing my hair and shaving and taking care of myself. It dwindled off and now I am starting to be kind to myself.

Office Use

Since this phone call/interview Does the client require further support Yes X No If yes, please note below what has been agreed...

Would like to continue with telephone support and hopefully get back to the home visits as soon as we can because of COVID.

"You are a good organisation and there needs to be more organisations out there to help veterans" .

Was any immediate risk identified during this interview, and if so dealt with in accordance with policies?

No immediate risk identified

(appendix iii) summary contact and feedback form

<u>Organisation contacts PCC</u>				
<u>Stakeholder discussions around the implementation of CJ link to Specialist Derbyshire Veteran Support Services</u>				
Name	Involved with CJS	In ST pathway	Currently	affirmative
CJLDT	Yes	Yes	Yes	yes
EMPVAC	Yes	Yes	Yes	yes
Police	Yes	Yes	Yes	yes
DWP	Yes	Yes	Yes	yes
Rhubarb Farm	Yes	Yes	Yes	yes
Growing Lives	No	Yes	No	yes
Derby County Community Trust	No	Yes	No	
Derbyshire	Yes	Yes	Yes	yes
NHS Armed Forces Network				
DCC	Yes	Yes	Yes	yes
Covenant Lead				
TILS	Yes	Yes	Yes	yes
Derbyshire				

Complex	Yes	Yes	Yes	yes
Treatment Service				
High	Yes	Yes	Yes	yes
Intensity Team				
Care after	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Combat				
Adult Social	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Care and Health				
NHS Liaison	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Teams				
Probation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Organisation contacts PCC

Names	Involved with CJS	In ST pathway	Currently support vets
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Covenant Lead			
TILS Derbyshire	Yes	Yes	Yes

Complex Treatment Service	Yes	Yes	Yes
High Intensity Team	Yes	Yes	Yes
Care after Combat	Yes	Yes	Yes
Adult Social Care and Health	Yes	Yes	Yes
NHS Liaison Teams	Yes	Yes	Yes
Probation	Yes	Yes	Yes

Appendix (iv) PCC monitoring report.

Grant Specific Agreed 6 Month Outcomes/Indicators

Please structure narrative with special regards to the below outcomes and their associated Quantitative and Qualitative analysis. For example, provide the number of service beneficiaries within your summary.

Grant Agreement Deliverables	Evidenced Impact/Benefits (Quantitative & Qualitative)
<p>To undertake a feasibility study across Derbyshire primarily and initially focussing on the North of the county to explore the current pathway for veteran offenders within the CJS. Looking to publish findings that will inform improved engagement with those veterans who have alcohol issues, to help prevent them entering the CJS, as a result of alcohol related incidents, ensuring they are signposted to appropriate support services.</p>	<p>A flow chart was produced showing the current pathway for Veterans in the CJS liaising with CJLDT Derbyshire and the Custody Inspector at Chesterfield Police Station.</p> <p>This showed that there was scope for better communication between teams to best offer support for veterans with alcohol issues being arrested, and ensuring they were signposted to the correct services for their needs.</p>

A Veteran with a wealth of experience of Alcohol abuse and the CJS was seconded who engaged with all services and more that are within the CJS.

Organisation contacts PCC

<p>To involve the secondment of a veteran worker who will have experience of both the Criminal Justice System and or alcohol/substance misuse who will engage with policing divisions, probation services, custody workers, outreach substance misuse teams, and hospital liaison teams to find out how current services meet the needs of veteran offenders, how they link with CJS, the pathways that are in place, the services available for support and how best to work with partners to reduce the numbers of veterans entering the criminal justice system.</p>	Name	Involved with CJS	In ST pathway	Currently support vets
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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY TO DATE

(Please summarise all relevant activity undertaken in the period referencing the outcomes and key deliverables identified in your grant agreement)

All departments in the CJS network and more thought the idea of Veteran specific support in the CJS was well over due, and the proposal was well received. Contact to STAND TO from the initial point of contact (Custody Suite) as soon as they are Identified as a Veteran would be beneficial and enhance the speed at which the client gets support.

Statistics from case studies and feedback from organisations involved with the CJS, prove that the involvement of a Veteran specific team, would be a great addition to the support and advice they get when arrested or in custody, especially if the worker has experience of the Military and CJS.

In conclusion the facts show there is a need to create this service, which in turn would save other dept/orgs time and money if the service was given the go ahead.

EVALUATION OF SERVICE TO DATE

(In each of the categories below please provide examples of survey requests/personal comments/case studies as appropriate)

Please type in the following field below

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You are a good organisation and there needs to be more organisations out there to help veterans”
There were no barriers and he could relate to my experiences; service banter is a good leveler. Felt comfortable talking to him. We had a lot of common ground.
Having someone who understands and giving me support when it was needed most
Social life has improved immensely, mixing and engaging with people who understand me. When ready to leave the Hollies, I will start looking for work.
I would have liked a bit more Veteran Support but didn't know they existed, and I didn't know where to go. A single point of contact would have been great at this time to support me in this.
I have not been with the service long but I am being called frequently. This is good and I enjoy talking to my worker as I know everyone is trying to get me sorted
It was easy to talk to my worker as he had been through the same stuff I have, and he knew exactly what I meant when I was talking, and he listened didn't judge.

Please type in the following field below

[Empty text box]

Service Users: (How did you find your service users received the project?)

Please type in the following field below

Was well received as it gave them a chance to give their side of what happened to them from arrest onwards.

Partners/Organisations: (Did you link with other organisations to help you deliver the project and did this have a positive project?)

Please type in the following field below

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TILS Derbyshire	Yes	Yes	Yes
Complex Treatment Service	Yes	Yes	Yes
High Intensity Team	Yes	Yes	Yes
Care after Combat	Yes	Yes	Yes
Adult Social	Yes	Yes	Yes

Care and Health				
NHS Liaison Teams	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Probation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Appendix (v) wider community involvement

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Wider community: (Were the wider community aware and understood the need for your project and did this have an impact?)

25 wider community personnel within probation services, veteran social care and police and court liaison and NHS Services were approached and meetings held.

Detailed information relating to wider community services and personnel is contained within the full report submitted to PCC. Summary findings on views on new suggested pathway with veteran CJ liaison worker show 97% agreed the need for a Derbyshire Veteran CJ liaison worker.

