



## **Veterans Charter**

There are 2.6 million Veterans in society. Including their immediate family, who share in the burdens of the veteran, 6 million people.

Upon leaving the Forces, they have to start all over again. Veterans score higher than other comparable groups for: inadequate housing, domestic violence, homelessness, addictions, mental health problems, criminality and sentencing, and suicide. Coincidentally, veterans also score higher than any other group as volunteer workers, in all of the above groups.

### **Veterans are not the problem they are the solution.**

This charter calls for the **Office of Veteran Affairs** to be governed by locally elected veterans in a cross-party assembly, that will advocate the following on behalf of all veterans and their dependents and to ensure these are inscribed in law.

1. All service personnel leaving the forces are registered with a local Dept of the Office of Veteran Affairs (VA).
2. All military charities, bodies and Veterans Champions are to register with the VA. Aiding the free transference of all military medical records to NHS and VA.
3. The VA devolves power/admin/actions down to local VA's with the local authority, mayoral districts and regional NHS trusts. With an elected board of Veterans that oversees the VA at regional and national level.
4. The VA to liaise with NHS and military charities on veteran treatments for physical and mental health needs.
5. VA's at national and local level to have; welfare, health, housing, and training & education, Officers. Whom intervene early in the transition to civilian life, along with continued support thereafter. Support the formation and delivery of veterans' social/activities/volunteer clubs and groups.
6. Access to grants for full-time and part-time training & education courses, for all veterans regardless of length of service. Recognition of transferable skills from the military into civilian life. Veteran only wings, where applicable in HMP facilities.