

Services for injured veterans

Veterans' Gateway is the first point of contact for veterans seeking support. It's made up of a number of military charities and can put you in touch with organisations who can help further. **Contact Veteran's Gateway** on **0808 802 1212** (24 hours a day, 365 days a year).

There is now a **Veterans' Gateway App** which you can use to find support organisations in your area using a smartphone or tablet.

Help for Heroes – provide a fantastic service offering support to those with injuries and illnesses attributable to their service in the British Armed Forces. No matter when someone served, they believe that those prepared to put their lives second, deserve a second chance at life.

Defence Medical Welfare Service (DMWS) – delivers an independent and impartial **24 hour** specialist welfare service to those members of the British Armed Forces who are receiving hospital care, their dependant relatives and entitled civilians in order to contribute to the consistency of the recovery and rehabilitation pathway for service personnel.

The crucial practical and emotional support is provided at times when it is most needed and is bound by a code of confidentiality. DMWS brings the Covenant between the Armed Forces and the Nation to life through its support of the wounded, injured and sick whilst under hospital care.

Blesma national charity formed in the years following the First World War which supports all limbless ex-service men and women, their widows and dependents. Support includes:

- Grants for mobility, rehabilitation and adaptations.
- Advice on compensation allowance claims.
- Nursing, residential and respite care.
- Welfare support and visits.
- Assistance in finding employment.
- Rehabilitation.
- Representation.

Blind Veterans UK – (formerly St Dunstan's) is a national charity that believes that no-one who has served our country should have to battle blindness alone. It provides blind and vision impaired ex-Service men and women with lifelong support including welfare support, rehabilitation, training, residential and respite care.

The Soldiers, Sailors Airmen families Association (SAFA) works tirelessly to assist service men and women who have found themselves injured in service to their country. The Stockton branch is based at the Army Reserve Centre on Norton Rd, Stockton. Clients are usually seen in their homes but can be seen at the Norton office. The service is available **Monday to Friday 10.00am – 12 noon**. To make an appointment call **01642 553666** or e-mail **stockton.ssafa@hotmail.com**