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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST FOI/012342 – Champion for armed forces veterans**

**Do you have a lead/champion for armed forces veterans or for military families?  
Please indicate Yes or No**

The Trust does not hold a named job role 'lead/champion for armed forces veterans or for military families'.

However, the Trust has a 'Patient Access Referral To Treatment' Policy which refers to an Armed Forces Covenant which states -

'The Armed Forces Community should enjoy the same standard of, and access to, healthcare as that received by any other UK citizen in the area they live. For serving personnel, including mobilized Reservists; primary healthcare is provided by the MOD, whilst secondary care is provided by the local healthcare provider. For family members, primary healthcare may be provided by the MOD in some cases (e.g. when accompanying Service personnel posted overseas). They should retain their relative position on any NHS waiting list, if moved around the UK due to the Service person being posted.

Veterans receive their healthcare from the NHS and should receive priority treatment where it relates to a condition which results from their service in the Armed Forces, subject to clinical need'.