

Workshop 5

Military Integration – Raising awareness and providing support with integration and transition

Defence Transition Service (DTS)

A new service, launching in November 2019, informed by Strategy for our Veterans, published Nov 2018 and UK Armed Forces Families' Strategy.

Mission:

On behalf of Defence, to help Service leavers and their families navigate their transition from Service to civilian life, whomever they are, whenever they discharge for whatever reason they leave.

Aim:

To educate, empower and encourage Service Personnel and their families to plan early and leave well.

Approach:

To work with local and national partners to coordinate access to services for clients; and support in-Service providers working with the most vulnerable.

What will DTS do?

Support clients via casework to:

- Educate
- Empower
- Encourage

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Referral mechanism:

Referrals can be made by the individual or a family member, a Single Service or a third party. The service is now able to accept referrals - and forms and guidance are available via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/defence-transition-referral-protocol-dtrp/supporting-forms>

For any third party organisation to recognise the opportunity to refer to DTS, they would need to know that the individual they're supporting is serving/has served in the UK Armed Forces. Different organisations determine this in different ways (indeed some don't ask specifically) so they would be encouraged to ask specifically, especially if they have signed the Armed Forces Covenant and/or operate in an area known to have a high proportion of Service personnel and/or veterans. If it becomes apparent, through whatever means, that someone they are supporting is ex/Forces and may benefit from further support from Defence they can refer them, or encourage them to make a self-referral. If they have a query about whether someone would qualify for DTS support, they could email DBSVets-DTS-Central@mod.gov.uk with their question

DTS will refer to non-military services as readily as to military services: the deciding factor will be what is most appropriate for the client. Depending on the specific needs of the individual, it would either be signpost, or a more facilitative approach if necessary.

Delegate feedback:

What Can DTS do for you?	What can you do for DTS?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide training/information/further clarity about the service • Be clear about requirements (from external sources) • Use a common language • Encourage volunteering • Recognise the value of the less obvious options e.g. 'Discoveries on your doorstep'. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide links to local networks • Share information around the availability and scope of local services • Provision of local venues eg. drop ins • NY Connect (online directory) https://northyorkshireconnect.org.uk/ • Publicise at libraries and local hubs
Two-way education	