

## **Cross Party Group on Armed Forces and Cadets**

### **Annual Report – November 2024**

#### **1. Group membership and office holders**

Co-Chair: Darren Millar MS (re-elected unanimously at the AGM in October 2024)

Co-Chair: Alun Davies MS (re-elected unanimously at the AGM in October 2024)

Other Senedd Members who attended or had representatives attend include:

- James Evans MS
- Laura Anne Jones MS
- Peter Fox MS
- Janet Finch Saunders MS
- Rhianon Passmore MS
- Altaf Hussain MS
- Joel James MS
- Mark Isherwood MS
- Jack Sargeant MS

Secretary:

Tara Moorcroft, Office of Darren Millar MS – November 2022 – October 2024

#### **Other external attendees and the organisation(s) they represent:**

Colonel James Phillips	Veterans' Commissioner for Wales
Air Cdre Robert Woods	Royal Air Force
Brigadier Nick Thomas CBE	Commander, 160 <sup>th</sup> (Wales) Brigade
Colonel Sion Walker	Deputy Commander, 160 <sup>th</sup> (Wales) Brigade
Comm. Steve Henaghan	Royal Navy
Will Peltor	160 <sup>th</sup> (Wales) Brigade
Peter Evans	Welsh Government
Peter Kellam	Welsh Government
Mike Connolly	Welsh Government
Dr Neil Kitchener	Veterans NHS Wales
Millie Taylor	SSCE Cymru

Graham Jones	Woody's Lodge
Adrian Leslie	Royal British Legion
Lisa Rawlings	Female Veterans Alliance and VAPC Wales
Emma Perrin	Army Families Federation
Amanda Yorke	Army Families Federation
Col Dominic Morgan	RFCA
Simon Frith	Alabare
Neil Lawman	Adferiad
Stephen Sullivan	Adferiad
Michael Harvey	Adferiad
Cllr Ian Buckley	Armed Forces Champion, Vale of Glamorgan Council
Cllr David Evans	Armed Forces Champion, Flintshire County Council
Cllr Teresa Heron	Armed Forces Champion, Caerphilly County Borough Council
Cllr Peter Strong	Armed Forces Champion, Monmouthshire County Council
Cllr Alison Watkin	Armed Forces Champion, Wrexham County Borough Council
Hayley Edwards	Armed Forces Liaison Officer (West Wales)
Jamie Ireland	Armed Forces Liaison Officer (South Wales East)
Andy Jones	Armed Forces Liaison Officer (Powys)
Finola Pickwell	Armed Forces Liaison Officer (South West Wales)
Karin Spencer	Armed Forces Liaison Officer (Gwent)
Stephen Townley	Armed Forces Liaison Officer (North Wales)
Zoe Roberts	Armed Forces Covenant & Veteran Healthcare Collaborative Lead, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
Maisy Provan	Armed Forces Lead, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board
Tina Foster	TGP Cymru
Andrew Clark	Royal Naval Association, Cardiff
Rob Salmon	Re-Act

## **2. Meetings since the previous AGM**

### **Meeting 1: 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024**

#### **Attendees:**

Darren Millar MS	Chair and Member for Clwyd West
Alun Davies MS	Vice-Chair and Member for Blaenau Gwent
James Evans MS	Member for Brecon and Radnorshire
Rhianon Passmore MS	Member for Islwyn
Laura Anne Jones MS	Member for South Wales East
Peter Fox MS	Member for Monmouth
Janet Finch Saunders MS	Member for Aberconwy
Colonel James Phillips	Veterans' Commissioner for Wales
Air Cdre Robert Woods	Royal Air Force
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Neil Lawman	Adferiad
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Cllr David Evans	Armed Forces Champion, Flintshire County Council
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Maisy Provan	Armed Forces Lead, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board
Tina Foster	TGP Cymru
Andrew Clark	Royal Naval Association, Cardiff
Tara Moorcroft	Secretary
Daniel Starkey	Office of Darren Millar MS
Alex Sims	Office of Jenny Rathbone MS
Frederick Mead	Office of Janet Finch Saunders MS

### **Summary of issues discussed:**

- Briefing from Dr Neil Kitchiner, Director and Consultant Clinical Lead, Veterans' NHS Wales
- Briefing from Colonel James Phillips, Veterans Commissioner for Wales on the UK Veterans Family Study final report: *Psychological health, wellbeing and social support among UK veteran families.*
- Update from Colonel Sion Walker, Deputy Commander of 160X (Wales) Brigade: Survey work on the experiences of the Armed Forces Family in Wales.

### **Meeting 2: 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

#### **Attendees:**

Darren Millar MS	Chair & Member for Clwyd West
Alun Davies MS	Vice Chair & Member for Blaenau Gwent
Ken Skates MS	Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales
Laura Anne Jones MS	Member for South Wales East

Altaf Hussain MS	Member for South Wales West
Janet Finch Saunders MS	Member for Aberconwy
Colonel James Phillips	Veterans' Commissioner for Wales
Air Cdre Robert Woods	Royal Air Force
Brigadier Nick Thomas CBE	Commander, 160 <sup>th</sup> (Wales) Brigade
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Karin Spencer	Armed Forces Liaison Officer (Gwent)
Stephen Townley	Armed Forces Liaison Officer (North Wales)
Zoe Roberts	Armed Forces Covenant & Veteran Healthcare

	Collaborative Lead, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
Tina Foster	TGP Cymru
Andrew Clark	Royal Naval Association, Cardiff
Rob Salmon	Re-Act
Joanna Johnson	Grassroots Suicide Prevention
Tara Moorcroft	Secretary
Daniel Starkey	Office of Darren Millar MS
Lee Gonzalez	Office of Joel James MS

**Summary of issues discussed:**

- Briefing from Ken Skates MS, Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales.
- Briefing from Lisa Rawlings on the Female Veterans Alliance and the Veterans Advisory and Pensions Committee (VAPC) Wales.

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**3. Professional lobbyists, voluntary organisations and charities with whom the Group has met during the year**

None.

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**4. Other activities and visits**

**The group undertook visits to:**

- Falkland Islands in February 2024;
- The Battle Back Centre in Newport, Telford with the Royal British Legion on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024;
- Army Expo in London on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

**Annual Financial Statement.**

**There are no expenses for this CPG**

Group's Expenses	None.	£0.00
Costs of all goods	No goods purchased.	£0.00
Benefits received by the group or individual Members from outside bodies	No benefits received.	£0.00
Any secretariat or other support	No financial support received.	£0.00
Services provided to the Group such as hospitality	No hospitality received	£0.00
<b>Total cost</b>		<b><u>£0.00</u></b>