



Ministry of Defence



Armed Forces Covenant Conference 2025

Agenda 2nd July

12.00 – 12.45	Arrival time for delegates, registration, Light Lunch, tea/coffee.
13.00 – 13.05	Introduction from Amanda Struby, Head of Ministry of Defence Armed Forces Covenant Team, supported by Genevieve Horsted and Briony Simpson (Assistant Heads of the Covenant Team).
13.05 – 13.20	Vision for Armed Forces Covenant, James Greenrod Deputy Director Armed Forces People Policy, Ministry of Defence
13.20 – 13.45	Rangers Football Club Charity, Jennifer Hutchinson
13.45 – 14.30	The Demographics and needs of the Armed Forces community with Q&A, Royal British Legion
14.30 – 15.00	Afternoon comfort break and tea/coffee.
15.00 – 15.40	Covenant Delivery in the Combined Authority context, Chris Thomas, Greater Manchester Combined Authority
15.40 – 16.10	Education Advisory Team (UK) Defence Children Services (DCS), MOD Helen Cooper
16.10 – 16.55	Forces in Mind Trust (FiMT). Michelle Alston, Chief Executive, FiMT. Harper Fine RAND Europe. Tony Blake, Shared Intelligence Programme Director
16.55 – 17.05	Closing Remarks by Graeme Dey MSP, Scottish Government Veterans Minister
17.00 – 20.00	Evening reception: Blue-Sky Lounge <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Welcome by Amanda Struby.
17.30 – 18.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Climbing to the roof of the world, Mission Everest: 7 days that redefined high-altitude mountaineering, Al Carns, DSO OBE MC MP, Minister for Veterans and People

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09.00 - 09.55	Arrival time for delegates, registration, and visits to display stands. Tea and coffee.
10.00 – 10.05	Introduction to day two from Amanda Struby, Head of Ministry of Defence Armed Forces Covenant Team, supported by Genevieve Horsted and Briony Simpson (Assistant Heads of the Covenant team).
10.05 – 11.05	Keynote speech and Q&A from Alistair Carns OBE MC MP, Minister for Veterans and People.
11.05 – 11.25	Morning comfort break, tea, and coffee.
11.25 – 11.55	NHS England new national training team which aims to improve the knowledge base of NHS staff about the health issues facing the Armed Forces community, Lt Col Guy Benson, Veterans Covenant Healthcare Alliance (VCHA)
11.55 – 12.50	Covenant Duty Extension, Ministry of Defence Covenant Team
12.50 – 13.30	Lunch, networking, and visits to display stands
13.30 – 14.10	Op Valour, Office for Veterans' Affairs (OVA), Mia Economou (Programme lead) Joshua Reid (Veterans Strategy)
Transition to breakout sessions	
14.15 – 15.45	Breakout sessions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advancing the Covenant through Combined Authorities and Regional Approaches' (Chris Thomas, Greater Manchester Combined Authority and Caroline Hopper, Portsmouth City Council) Club Cooper 2. Measuring the impact of the Armed Forces Covenant (Royal British Legion) Thornton Suite 3. Framework for delivery (Forces in Mind Trust, RAND Europe and Shared Intelligence) Members Lounge
15.45 - 16.15	Afternoon comfort break tea/coffee
16.15– 16.45	Veterans' Commissioner Scotland Susie Hamilton
16.45 - 16.50	Farewell and thank you from Amanda Struby (Head of Covenant team) and James Greenrod, (Deputy Director, Armed Forces People support).