Useful websites
There are also a range of other local and national services who may be able to help members of the armed forces community. Some of these are listed below:

- **Veterans Gateway** is a national website which puts veterans and their families in touch with the organizations best placed to help with the information, advice and support they need – from healthcare and housing to employability, finances, personal relationships and more.
- **Career Transition Partnership** helps service leavers find new careers through a resettlement support programme. In this programme, service leavers who complete between 4 and 6 years’ service are entitled to the employment support programme (ESP). The ESP programme directly supports job finding activity such as financial and career support.
- **NHS Choices website** has a special section on healthcare for veterans and their families.
- **SSAFA** provides information and support for those needing assistance with housing support for military families. The guidance they offer includes homelessness, housing benefits, accessing social housing and tenants’ rights.
- **Ministry of Defense Enhanced Credit Scheme (ELC)** promotes lifelong learning amongst members of the Armed Forces. This scheme provides financial support for service leavers who are in pursuit of higher level education.
- **The University of Leicester** is an approved provider for the ELC and has made their distance learning courses available under this scheme.
- **Royal British Legion** provides care and support to all members of the British Armed Forces and their families. The legion offers career advice, financial aid in an urgent crisis and housing support.
- **Soldiers Charity** provides support to soldiers and veterans from the British Army, and their immediate families, when they are in need.
- **Children Education Advisory Service (CEAS)** are a national service that provides expert and impartial advice about the education of service children. They are experienced in advising service parents on a wide range of issues regarding the education of service children in the UK and overseas.

- **Combat Stress** is a leading charity for veteran’s mental health. They help former servicemen and women deal with issues like trauma, anxiety, depression and post-traumatic stress disorder. They provide support on the phone or at their treatment centres.
- **Help for Heroes Hidden Wounds Service** provide free and confidential mental health support for Veterans and military families living with challenges such as excessive worry, depression, stress and alcohol problems.

Local groups

- **Veterans Breakfast Clubs** are places which facilitate veterans and servicing personnel meeting face to face in a relaxed safe social environment.
- **Citizens Advice** provides housing support for people leaving the Armed Forces, veterans and their families. This includes information to find out about the help available to you, depending on your situation.
- **Age UK** offers tailored support for older veterans to help with their independent living. For more information contact: michaela.forty@ageukleics.org.uk
• **City of Leicester College** provides funding support for students from disadvantaged backgrounds to ensure they benefit from the same opportunities as students from less deprived families. Students whose parent/parents are currently serving in the armed forces or are in receipt of a pension from the MoD are entitled to £300.

• **Veterans’ Mental Health Transition, Intervention and Liaison (TIL) Service** is a free NHS mental health service for all ex-serving members of the UK Armed Forces and service personnel who are making the transition to civilian life including reservists.