

5<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Dear Colleague,

I hope you are well.

Please allow me to introduce myself, I am the newly appointed Armed Forces Engagement Officer for NCC. I have been tasked to carry out research into homelessness across our Armed Forces constituents and look at recommendations to address any issues.

I appreciate you are all incredibly busy serving our community but if you could afford me five minutes of your time then I would be most grateful. I put the following questions to you.

1. As a local council, I am interested to hear from your perspective what issues your residents from the Armed Forces have experienced within Northumberland?
2. How do you, as a local council, feel the Council could better support you when contacted by residents from the Armed Forces community?
3. Do you feel that you would benefit from training, education and awareness as regards subject areas which could better help you respond to your residents' needs?
4. Do you know how to respond and where to guide a member of your parish from the armed forces community to in times of crisis? This includes, but not limited to, mental health crisis, financial crisis, housing crisis?
5. Are there any other comments or suggestions you would like to leave relevant to the subject in hand?

For collation purposes, the latest return date for replies is Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022.

Thank you in advance.

Yours,

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