



# The Benefits of Collaboration in Support of the Armed Forces Community

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# A Life in Collaboration

- A Veteran – 21 years Royal Navy.
- The wife of a Veteran – 37 years RN and still a serving reservist.
- A volunteer for 4 veterans welfare organisations.
- A trustee for 2 veteran's charities.
- A member of the Eastern VAPC.
- Worked in veteran's welfare for 11 years.



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# Our Armed Forces Community



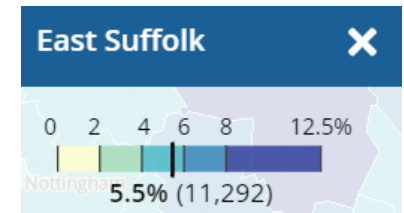
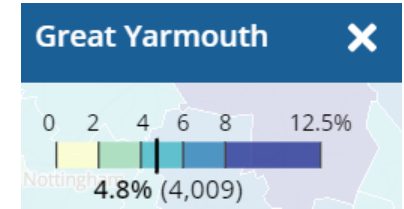
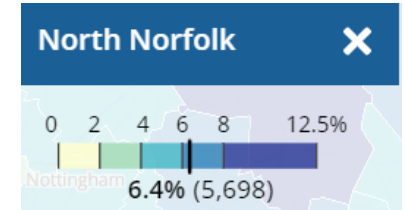


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EMPLOYER RECOGNITION SCHEME

**GOLD AWARD 2023**  
Proudly supporting those who serve.



Source: Office for National Statistics – Census 2021



# Our Armed Forces Support Service

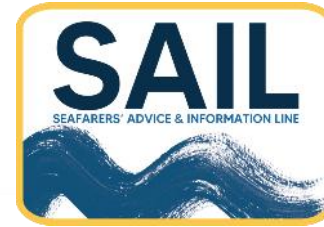
- Support members of the AF community living within the JPUHT area of operation.
- Conduct visits with inpatients and accept referrals from hospital staff, GP surgeries and local health organisations.
- Work with service charities, local AF groups, local networks to provide personalised support to enable individuals to take control of their wellbeing, live independently and improve their health outcomes.
- Host veteran-centred events to provide opportunities for individuals to obtain information and support.
- Engage with care and residential homes within the JPUHT area of operation to ensure veterans are recognized and supported.



# Working Together

- National military charities.
- Local military charities, groups and breakfast clubs.
- NHS clinical pathways and other services.
- DWP Armed Forces Champions & Veterans UK.
- Carers Support services.
- Regimental Associations.
- AF County Commissioners and local partnership boards.
- Local businesses.





# Our Groups & Events

- Veterans Coffee Mornings with RBL Great Yarmouth and other supporting organisations.
- Brew Butty & Banter with RBL Beccles.
- Veterans Wellbeing Support Group with NSFT Veterans Services.
- Veterans Kitchen with DANES Lowestoft.





# Our Impact

- 1328 patients seen since Aug 2022.
- 180 home visits since Mar 2024.
- Over 300 referrals to 32 organisations, includes:
  - 50+ to the RAF Benevolent Fund Community Engagement Worker.
  - 40+ to the RBL Independent Living Team.
  - 40+ to Op Courage.
  - 30+ to Walking With The Wounded.
- 100 welfare packs & information packs and 55 warm packs given out.
- 100+ people attending groups on a regular basis.
- Finalist in the Health Category, English Veterans Awards - 2024



# What's Next?

- The AFCFT Eastern England Thrive Together Programme:
- Project 1 - Local Hubs and Drop-ins:
  - 4 groups.
  - Provide food!
  - Supported by local military and other organisations including RBL branches and Disability Advice North East Suffolk.
  - Hosted by the AFSO.
- Project 6 – Finding Veterans in Care Homes.
  - 79 care homes identified in our operating area.
  - Work with staff to identify and support veterans who are residents.
  - Collaboration with Royal Star & Garter.
  - Help them to achieve the Veterans Friendly Framework.





# Any Questions?

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