



Helping our people in need to live their lives

## Welfare Service

The on-going need to reduce the detrimental affects of military service on the whole ex-member community has led to retention of welfare staff located throughout Northern Ireland in Field Teams.

These caring staff provide emotional and moral support and will facilitate access to specialist expertise from across a wide range of statutory bodies and charities, including Benevolence funding.

Their aim is to provide a confidential, trusted care service which supports each individual in an exclusive manner.

All ex-members are eligible for this support, which extends to bereaved parents, widow(er)s, disabled ex-soldiers and their families.

## Medical Service

While recognizing the important role played by the National Health Service, a specific medical need has been identified for prompt psychiatric and physiotherapeutic treatment which deals exclusively with injuries related to service.

This is being met by the creation of a discrete wing within the Police Rehabilitation and Retraining Trust (PRRT) in Maryfield, Belfast, to treat ex-service personnel and, in certain circumstances, their families.

Eligibility and the exact nature of treatment required are assessed confidentially by the Medical Services Manager. After assessment, treatment may be begun at PRRT or provided more locally by trusted associates.

## Vocational Service

Recognizing the need to help ex-soldiers to access re-employment opportunities has led to the creation of a unique service focussed on career advice and employment counselling.

Coupled with the allocation of training grants, this enables eligible personnel to make a lasting career change from military service to civilian employment.

All ex-members are eligible for career counselling and advice from the professionally qualified Vocational Services Manager, who will also administer applications for financial aid. The latter is confined to Full Time Home Service soldiers discharged after 1 August 2005 only.





## Field Team Locator



# Aftercare Service

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The Aftercare Service has been created and funded in recognition of the unique set of circumstances which continue to affect the ex-service community, comprising former UDR and R IRISH (HS) soldiers and their families.

Its mission is to provide medical, vocational, welfare and benevolence support to this community in order to reduce suffering.

This brochure explains the support available, outlines eligibility and informs potential users about how to access the Aftercare Service.

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