



# Mesothelioma UK's Armed Forces project

In 2012, the Government announced that the fines levied against banks for manipulating the LIBOR (London Inter-Bank Offered Rate) rates would be used to support armed forces and emergency service charities, amounting to £102 million over the next four years.

In 2016, Mesothelioma UK applied for funding through a grant by the chancellor using LIBOR funds to support

a specialist service for armed forces personnel and veterans who have been affected by mesothelioma, the asbestos-related cancer.

The funding is supporting a three-year project, aimed at raising awareness of the disease and establishing a shared approach to providing information and support for Armed Forces personnel and veterans.

## The project:

- Provides a specialist mesothelioma nurse, based in Southampton. This nurse will work closely with the charity's existing Professional Nurse Forum to ensure that all nurses are fully aware of the issues and services relating to the Armed Forces.
- Provides a finance and benefits advisor who can deal specifically with Armed Forces personnel and veterans. The advisor will ensure that the Professional Nurse Forum is aware of the range of benefits, pensions and compensation options available to Armed Forces personnel. The advisor will work closely with the Veterans UK agency and asbestos support groups throughout the UK.
- Will work with multiple organisations and healthcare professionals, responsible for meeting the healthcare needs of Armed Forces personnel and veterans, to raise awareness about mesothelioma and available support.
- Will develop and deliver a range of written and online information resources to raise awareness of the disease within the Armed Forces and military personnel community.
- Includes the launch of a Facebook group specifically for the Armed Forces at [www.facebook.com/groups/mesoUKarmedforces](http://www.facebook.com/groups/mesoUKarmedforces). The group provides the latest news and updates on mesothelioma for the Armed Forces. The page enables people to ask questions and contact others with similar experiences.
- Has a comprehensive research programme that will collate all available data to quantify and describe the mesothelioma burden amongst the Armed Forces and also explore the experience of armed forces personnel in relation to mesothelioma.

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## Contact

If you're a serving member of the Armed Forces, a veteran, mesothelioma patient, family member or carer, a member of an Armed Forces partner organisation or other party interested about finding out more about how Mesothelioma UK is supporting our Armed Forces, the treatments and care available, or for advice on benefits/compensation claims, please contact Mesothelioma UK at:

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