

SCMPB Conference Feedback and Next Steps

General Feedback

Very positive feedback was received from the conference. Particular highlights for delegates were the presentations on Women 100, the Welsh Guards and Veterans Gateway. Some comments included:

- *Thank you so much for a fantastic day at Deepcut, I certainly learned a great deal and met some fantastic people.*
- *Highly informative (and inspiring) and we've made some great contacts.*
- *Well done for organising such a good conference*
- *The day was very productive and lots of things were achieved*
- *The Conference yesterday really was excellent - I scribbled down lots of notes and came away both energised and wishing that every county was even half as engaged as Surrey!*
- *Thank you for inviting me to today's conference. I came away with a much better understanding of the Covenant and what it means in practice.*

Key points delegates took away include:

- Improved knowledge of the Covenant
- Support available via Veterans Gateway
- Training packages available for staff and councillors
- Importance of identifying local need in covenant fund bids
- Importance of engaging young people
- Ensuring the organisations understand their obligations under the Covenant
- Willingness of community to support both serving personnel and veterans
- Financial support available to serving personnel and veterans

Improvements for future events included:

- More detail on workshop details to enable more informed choice to be made
- Better access to refreshments
- Too much content – needed time for questions

Next steps

The workshop sessions have been written up and circulated. The Recognise and Remember Task Group discussed the outcomes of their workshop at the meeting held on 9 March, and an update will be provided at the meeting. Outcomes from the other three workshops will be taken forward through Community Integration and meetings with relevant service managers.

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