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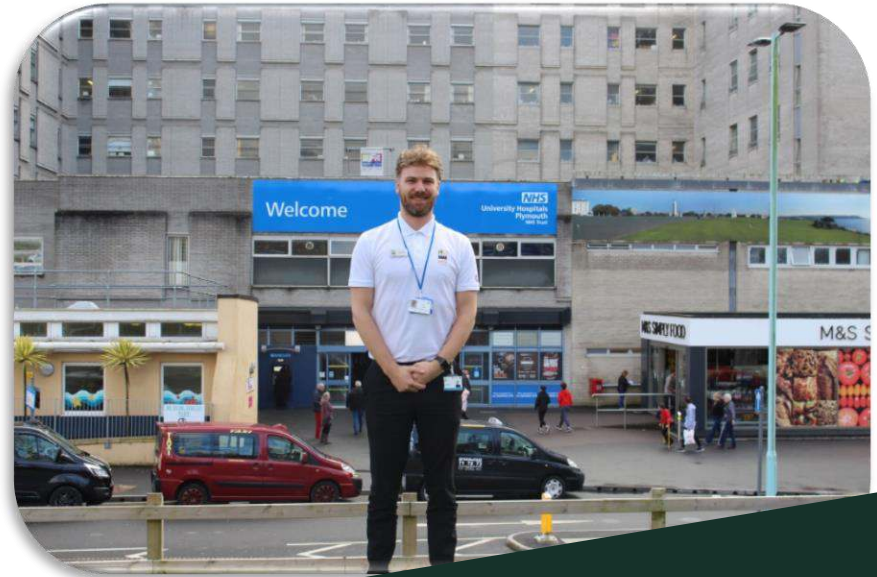




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Jason served in the Army before he became
a Veteran and DMWS Welfare Officer



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DMWS is an independent charity providing help and support to the Armed Forces community whenever they are **receiving medical treatment**. Embedded within the NHS, we work in partnership with the teams by:

- Saving money by reducing hospital Length-of-Stay through engagement and sourcing external support
- Helping to tackle 'Delayed Transfer of Care' issues by providing additional options for transitional care thus reducing 'bed-blocking'
- Working with other organizations to improve homecare provision and reduce re-admission risk
- Freeing up clinical staff to concentrate on their core duties by dealing with non-medical issues
- Reducing 'Did Not Attends' (DNAs) rates by accompanying patients to appointments
- Assisting with a coordinated discharge plan
- Delivering a positive patient experience

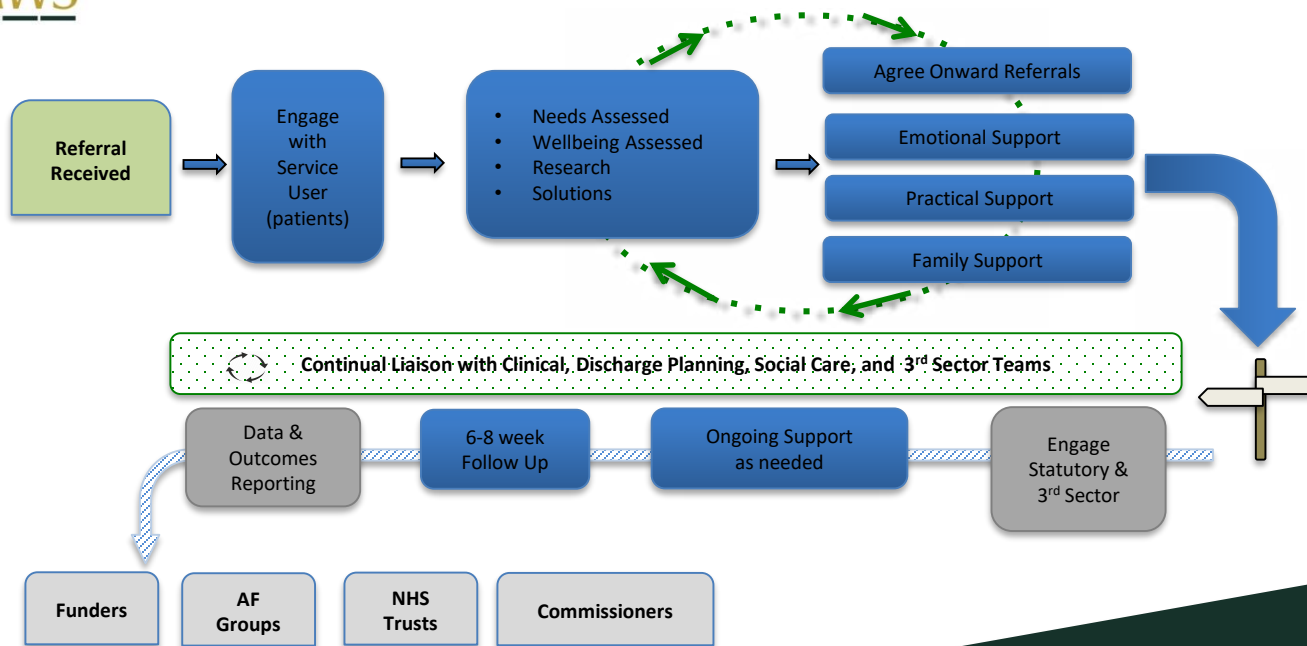
*"The constant support from DMWS
has given me the strength to return home."*
Veteran, aged 76



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- Supporting Recovery: Physical Health, Mental Health, and Wellbeing
Driven by the Needs of the Service User
- Service User's Single Point of Contact for Coordinated Health & Social Care



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Alex tells his story over
dinner with HRH The
Countess of Wessex



Royal Engineers stroke survivor, Aged 32

From admission to A&E – Stroke Unit – supported
transfer to the Defence National Rehabilitation Centre



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Army veteran Sidney who was 99 years old and a Dunkirk veteran. We managed to get him into Dunkirk Memorial House in Taunton, one of The Royal British Legion's Care Homes, with a specialist Dementia care wing.

Specialist housing sourced enabling discharge from hospital, helping to tackle 'Delayed Transfer of Care'



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We celebrated Sid's 100th birthday at Dunkirk Memorial House with residents, adopted family members and friends we contacted from his local village who knew him many years ago.

Not all heroes wear capes!



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Bereavement Support for the Wife of a Naval Veteran

Caroline was referred to me from the bereavement team at Derriford Hospital in Plymouth after the death of her husband who was a Merchant Navy veteran. Caroline was dealing with grief and lacked support as she didn't have any family or friends to turn to. One of the biggest worries for Caroline was the lack of finances to pay for his funeral. She developed a mental illness and became suicidal.

£6,000 + financial support raised

Multi partnership approached made a significant difference



University Hospitals
Plymouth
NHS Trust



Department
for Work
& Pensions



WolseleyTrust



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A Day in the Life of a Welfare Officer

Jason Stone on the road with Forces TV

FORCES TV



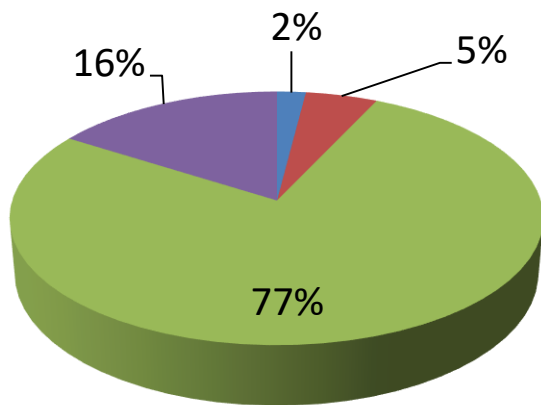


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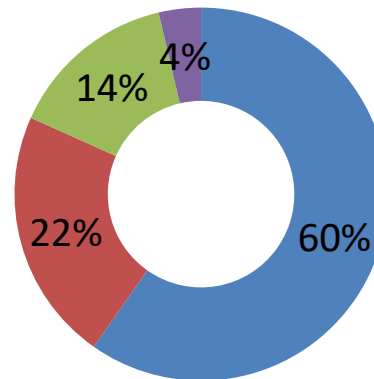
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2018-19 Plymouth Service User Status



- Serving Family
- Veteran
- Serving Regular
- Veteran Family

Working in partnership with the NHS



- Amissions to Emergency Care
- Supported as Outpatients
- Supported within Primary Care
- Supported at home

41% were referred directly by hospital teams



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Working in Partnership to Improve Wellbeing & Recovery

Addressed issues and gained improvement for **89%** of service users

With good or significant improvement in over **50%** of cases

90% of onward referrals to third sector organisations

Measured through Assessment start and DMWS intervention end scores

The support given Improved:

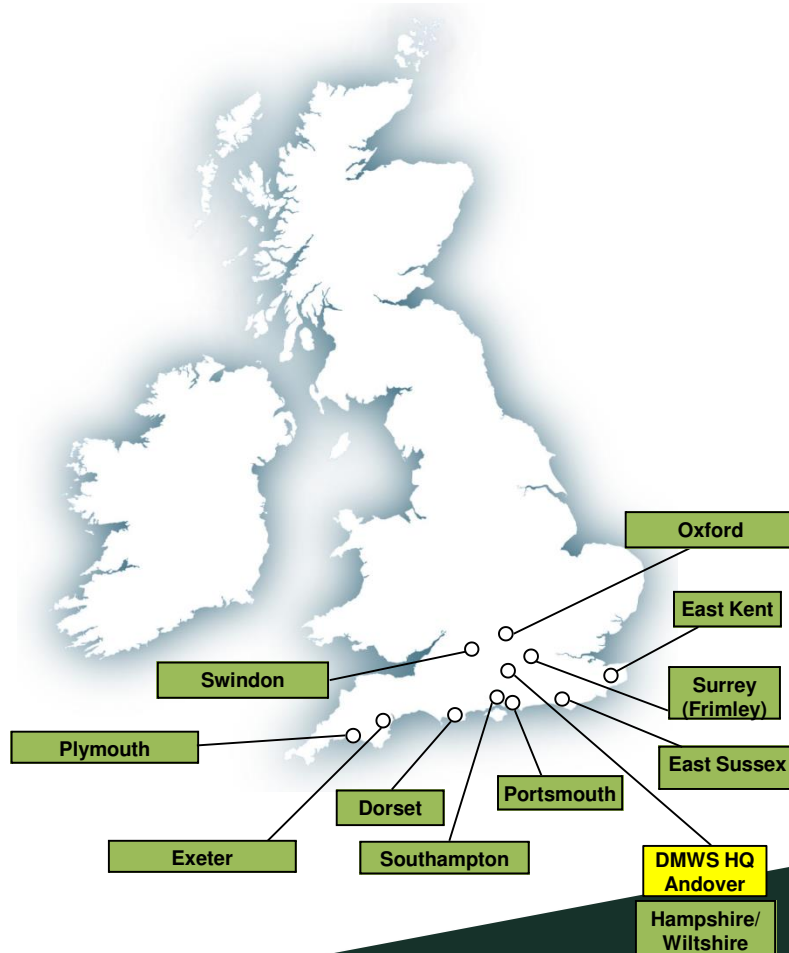
Anxiety
Dealing with problems
Feeling valued
Confidence
Optimism



64% had good or significant improvement in wellbeing

Measured through Warwickshire & Edinburgh Mental Wellbeing Scale

More able to cope, enabled discharge, supported recovery



DMWS Welfare Officer based in the following NHS Trusts:

- Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust
 - Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust
- Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust
 - University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust
 - Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust
 - Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust
- Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
 - Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust
- Dorset Healthcare University NHS Foundation Trust
 - Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

DMWS South Locations



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“The Trust has welcomed the opportunity to work with the Defence Medical Welfare Service over the coming years. Having a defence Medical Welfare Officer on site will give a welcome support for serving, reserve and veteran forces personnel who find themselves in hospital. Having someone forces connected to talk to our patients from these groups helps maintain the important link between service in the armed forces and the health of our local population. We are very pleased to have welcomed Jason into our Hospital and have already started to see the benefit of his role.”



Lieutenant Colonel Dave Thomas – Chief Nurse
at RD&E NHS Foundation Trust



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Many NHS Trusts are signed up to the Armed Forces Covenant – DMWS helps to provide that support

The Armed Forces Covenant is a promise to the nation ensuring that those who serve, have served, and their families are treated fairly

