



Y&H VAPC QUARTERLY – Jan 18



Military Charities : Commission issues alert to 187 military charities - safeguards and fundraising; 21 will be looked into further, several of more concern: Invicta, Forward Assist, Hire a Hero, Support British Soldiers & Excalibur –last 2 apparently closing down. National Coverage [The One Show](#) and [Gov.UK alerts](#) also issued. **Information**



H4H Arts Award: Worthy winner – Martin Wades “Never Ending Story” with the poignant message worth reflection "as bloodied colours are freedom's stain, shattered limbs and **hidden wounds** remain". **Information**



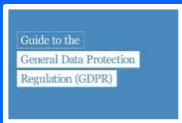
3rd Sector Trends Study: 3rd sector overview. 10,250 organisations in Y&H dominated by micro organisations supported by 342K volunteers saving £297K in wages; 70% work within the boundary of a single Local Authority and collaboration is poor leading to poor fund bid success. Also 80% recruit mostly by word of mouth. **Information**



MoD Mental Health: A new strategy elaborates relationships they wish to develop; the vision: “*All defence people to enjoy a state of positive physical and mental health and wellbeing, feeling connected with, and supported by, the military and wider community, ...*” . Veterans wishing to seek help should also visit the MoD page [here](#).



Veterans in Work Report: Found 30% of businesses admit they have not considered employing veterans, 60% ruled out employing those without industry experience and 700,000 veterans are in routine, low-skilled or low-paid jobs, which suggests that a shocking amount of talent is going to waste. **Information**



General Data Protection Regulation: GDPR [Guide](#) includes sections on using consent to process personal data, contracts and liabilities - checklists for organisations seeking to process data lawfully using consent e.g. asking for consent; recording consent and managing consent. GDPR set to come into force from 25 May 2018. **Information**



Veterans Key Facts: This document offers some MoD authored key facts about veterans; it focuses on employment, health, housing, the justice system and the Armed Forces Covenant and also offers some other supporting information and contacts or links. **Information**



Statutory Instrument: For VAPCs, within the Armed Forces Act, has finally been signed and formally demonstrates our credentials and comes into effect on 15 December 2017. Over the next year, more detailed Terms of Reference will be drafted to reflect the tasks expected of us. **Agenda**



AF Cov Annual Report: The latest report was laid before Parliament on 18 December and is worth a scan to inform your advice, perception management and advocacy roles. A short brief for a quick overview is in [Hansard](#).