



## THE BEGINNING

Care after Combat was formed by Chairman Jim Davidson OBE and his two trustees Simon Weston OBE and Goose Cryer MC in October 2014. The charity was registered on 1<sup>st</sup> December of the same year and are based in offices in Whiteley Hampshire.

Whilst there are many service charities it is apparent that the more difficult issues of the veteran community were being overlooked i.e. Veterans in prison and those with addiction problems. It is reported that at least 4% (3,280) of the prison population are veterans.

Care after Combat entered into an agreement with Ministry of Justice (MoJ) to address the issues of reducing re-offending rates in the veteran population. A mentor system was devised with the mentors continuing to work with veteran even after his release. Three prisons were identified by MoJ for the pilot; HMP Winchester, HMP The Mount and HMP Wayland.

## STRATEGIC HIGHLIGHTS

The pilot started in May 2015. We are now 5 months in and are pleased to report a 100% success rate has been achieved. Four more prisons have been allocated; HMP Norwich, HMP Cardiff, HMP Swansea and HMP Guys Marsh.

We are currently in discussion with a further three prisons.

- 60 mentors have been trained
- We have 25 mentors operating in prisons
- 5 prisoners released of which three are employed, one is sick and one is actively seeking employment.

Both the National Offender Management Service (NOMS) and the prison's Governors are impressed with the progress that we have made. Most importantly, the Veterans who were reluctant to reveal themselves as former members of the armed forces while in prison are now disclosing and requesting our assistance.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Phase One

- In 2016 we will include monthly forums for veterans in our prisons, no matter how long the sentence.
- The continuation of phase 1 will see us moving into more category C & D prisons.
- Our squad of mentors will be increased to accommodate the growing number of veterans in custody.
- In addition to our service in phase one, Care after Combat will also run an in prison substance and alcohol misuse education service.

### Phase Two

- January 2016 will also see the start of phase 2 in which our Veteran Assessment Team will provide 6 weekly forums in prisons not included in our phase one.

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Our total costs for the first year of operation was £267,000.00. Our prison project launched in May 2015 and has cost £116,000 to date with a projected cost of £148,000 for the first year. This includes training 60 mentors, 25 of whom have been assigned and are currently working with Veterans in prisons and beyond the wire.

## FORECASTED COSTS:

Prison Project	2015	2016
Head of Projects	£ 36,000	£ 50,000
Head of Mentors		£ 38,000
Veteran Assessment Team		£ 110,000
Substance Abuse Consultant Team		£ 96,000
Administration Team	£ 18,000	£ 35,000
DBS Costs	£ 700	£ 1,000
Office Expenses	£ 28,000	£ 30,000
Mentor visits	£ 115,000	£ 122,200
Travel	£ 4,750	£ 7,000
Mentor Training Costs	£ 8,400	£ 10,000
Phase 2 monthly forums		£ 10,800
Veteran Grants	£ 30,500	£ 50,000
Total Forecasted Cost	£ 241,350	£ 560,000

The Total amount raised by Care after Combat in our first year was £338,146.61. We had four main income streams; Internal fundraising through events hosted and run by our teams, external fundraising through members of the public fundraising on our behalf, private donations and corporate donations. (*Breakdown below*)

