

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 20 MAY 2021

**Question to Cllr McMahon
Cabinet Member for Health, Care and Wellbeing**

By Cllr Clements

Question

With the growing number of military veterans struggling for support and some taking their own lives what is the county council doing to identify these people within the county and the community and what support is offered/signposted to them?

Reply

Further to Cllr Clements' question, the Portfolio Holder has made enquiries with Senior Primary Care colleagues with respect to whether veterans are now being acknowledged as such and coded on their systems. He was advised that they are now being accounted for. This will not be universal, however we can work with our NHS Primary Care colleagues to ensure that veterans get the support they wholeheartedly deserve.

For adults who require assistance there is also a wealth of help available from our communities. People can use Staffordshire Connects to find help locally or can call Staffordshire Cares or use one of our Community Help Points to have a conversation about the sort of support they need and what might be available in their area. Anyone who requires a Care Act assessment will be offered one, by telephone initially and in person if necessary.