

22nd May 2014

Dear Engagee/Stakeholder/Colleague,

INVITATION TO COMMENT ON NHS ENGLAND'S COMMISSIONING STRATEGY FOR THE ARMED FORCES

We are seeking your comments on the attached draft strategy for NHS England's Commissioning of health services for the Armed Forces. Whilst NHS England's prime concern are those services that it Directly Commissions for those registered with MoD GPs (more details of our responsibilities can be found at (<http://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/armed-forces-commissioning.pdf>), the strategy seeks to look at the wider context of working with other commissioning colleagues such as:

- Defence Medical Services (e.g. who commission and/or provide many health services e.g. mental health and primary care for serving personnel),
- CCGs (e.g. who commission for most veterans, reservists and service families,
- Local Authorities (e.g. who commission wellbeing services) and
- Other Direct Commissioning colleagues (e.g. who commission specialised services, immunization and in-patient dental care)

We are seeking the views of as wide a group of interested parties as possible. Please invite others (from within or outside your organisation) that you know to add their input where you think they may have a useful contribution to make. All responses will need to be sent via email to james.carter1@nhs.net by **10th June 2014**. We will take all comments into account and incorporate all that we feel that we can.

We look forward to hearing your views on the Draft Strategy.

Yours sincerely

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Attached: Briefing Notes