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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ05470**

Thank you for your recent request for information. Your request has been considered under the above Act.

You have requested the following information:

Delivery of Armed Forces Covenant

1. Whether Coventry City Council has an elected Armed Forces Covenant Champion, and if so, how long they have been in the role.

Coventry City Council (CCC) has an elected member Armed Forces Champion and we have had someone in that role since the signing of the Armed Forces Covenant (AFC) in June 2012.

2. Furthermore, in reference to the 2016 'Our Community – Our Covenant; Improving the delivery of local Covenant pledges' report, (<https://www.fim-trust.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Our-Community-Our-Covenant-Report-30.08.16.pdf>)

which states:

“Around half of councils report that they have an action plan, but only 20 per cent say that the plan is active”

I would like to know whether Coventry City Council has an action plan.

If yes: I would like to know the details of the plan, whether it is active, and if it is monitored and reviewed.

CCC, Solihull and Warwickshire councils (CSW) work together sub-regionally to honour the AFC. We have an 'active' action plan that is reviewed and monitored at the CSW Armed Forces Covenant Co-ordination Group which meets bi-monthly.

3. Has Coventry City Council established an armed forces covenant forum (which includes military representatives, charities and council members)? Or is there a mechanism for co-operation at a regional level in the West Midlands?

CSW has an established co-ordination group and a strategic partnership.

4. I would also like to know whether Coventry City Council has any schemes specifically aimed at the veteran community (e.g employment, healthcare & housing schemes).

We ensure that there is raised awareness of the veteran community at the Jobshop, Coventry & Warwickshire Partnership Trust and Housing dept.

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Yours sincerely

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