Veterans’ Mental Health – The Wider Perspective
Thursday 16th March 2017 | 09.15 (10.00) – 17.00 (18.30)
The Great Hall, Strand Campus, King’s College London

Programme

09.15-10.00 Registration & Refreshments

Session 1: Chaired by Professor Wyn Bowen, War Studies, King’s College London

10.00-10.30 “Welcome to the conference”
Professor Sir Simon Wessely, President of the Royal College of Psychiatrists

10.30-11.00 “Veteran’s Mental Health – a US perspective”
Col (Rtd) Matthew Amidon, the George W Bush Institute, Dallas, USA

11.00-11.30 “Veteran’s Mental Health – a Canadian Perspective”
Professor Alice Akin and Alyson Mahar, Canada

11.30-11.50 “Veteran’s Mental Health – a UK Perspective”
Col (Rtd) David Richmond, Contact, UK

11.50-12.30 “Debate: This house believes that Veterans mental health care should be part of mainstream services”
For: Andy Bacon, NHS England Against: Sue Freeth, Combat Stress

12.30-13.30 Refreshment Break

Session 2: Chair: Matt Fossey, Veterans and Families Institute, Anglia Ruskin University

13.30-14.00 “The mental health of service families”
Professor Nicola Fear, the King’s Centre for Military Health Research, King’s College London

14.00-14.30 “Providing support to service families”
Gp Capt (Rtd) Carol Smith, the Royal British Legion

14.30-15.00 “Treatment seeking, or lack of, of UK ex-service personnel”
Dr Sharon Stevelink, the King’s Centre for Military Health Research, King’s College London

15.00-15.30 Afternoon tea
Session 3: **Chair: Air Vice-Marshal Ray Lock, Forces in Mind Trust**

15.30-16:00  “The treatment of ex-service personnel affected by complex trauma”
Dr Dominic Murphy, Combat Stress

16:00-16.00  “The use of peers to encourage ex-service personnel to seek mental healthcare”
Dr Charlie Allanson-Oddy, NHS Lothian

16.00-16.30  “The therapeutic benefit of animals to improve Veteran’s mental health”
Captain US Navy (Rtd) Robert Koffman, Semper Fi, Washington DC

16.30-17.00  “The role of genetics in improving the mental health of service Veterans”
Professor (Col) Eric Vermetten, Leiden University, the Netherlands

17:00-17.10  “Summing up and moving forward”
Professor Neil Greenberg, Royal College of Psychiatrists.

17.10-18.45  **Reception & Networking**

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