Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire
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The Covenant partnership has developed a range of publications to raise awareness within both civilian and military communities. There have been 3 AFCC Newsletters produced with 4000 distributed physically (each time) as well as electronically. Some 4000 leaflets and 2000 posters have been provided to a variety of locations including libraries, community centres and military facilities.

An e-learning module on the Armed Forces Covenant aimed at frontline staff in statutory and voluntary organisations has been produced and provided to over 70 organisations across the UK. This gives frontline staff an understanding of the Armed Forces Covenant, its principles, the differences between military and civilian lives and how the Armed Forces can be supported.

For further information please email afcc@warwickshire.gov.uk

A multi-agency conference to highlight and progress the Armed Forces Community Covenant across Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire was held in Coventry with over 100 attendees. There were presentations from the military on life in the Services, the national Covenant Team and what’s happening locally.
A report into the Needs of the Armed Forces Community across Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire has been produced and distributed. It has been used by organisations applying for Covenant Funding, other Local Authorities as a template for producing their own reports and to guide the Action Plans for the partnership.

A consortium of organisations under the Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia was successful in securing £300,000 from the MOD Covenant Fund. This is for a project to support ex-Armed Forces within the Criminal Justice System across Warwickshire and West Mercia, with the ‘Remember Veterans’ project being delivered across Warwickshire.

A training programme on the Armed Forces Covenant and how to support the Armed Forces was developed with training delivered to over 500 staff in 15 different organisations across the partnership area. The training is ongoing and can be accessed via afcc@warwickshire.gov.uk.

A project working with the library services of Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire has provided a range of books looking at the experiences of military families and children. Each of the main libraries now stock these books and promote them to both military families and the general public.