

## Somerset Armed Forces Covenant Partnership Directory



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### **40 Commando Royal Marines**

Commanding Officer 40 Commando RM

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### **Royal Navy and Royal Marines Welfare (RNRMW)**

Central Hub Manager

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### **1 Regiment Army Air Corps**

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### **The Royal British Legion**

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**NHS England**

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**Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)**

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**Somerset Partnership NHS Trust**

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### **National Probation Service**

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### **Somerset Chamber of Commerce**

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### **Naval Families Federation (NFF)**

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### **Help for Heroes**

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### **Somerset Admiral Nurse Service**

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### **Combat Stress**

Chair - South of England Regional Committee  
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**Defence Medical Welfare Service (DMWS)**  
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