

BMA armed forces conference 2025

Thursday 10 April 2025

BMA House, London

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Programme

9.30 – 10am	REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS
10 – 10.10am	Welcome and introduction Dr Sandy Wood, BMA armed forces committee chair
10.10 – 10.20am	BMA update Dr Mary McCarthy, BMA president
10.20 – 12 noon	Defence Engagement (Health) Presentations from Col Ian Gurney, Lt Col Natasha Chatham-Zvelebil and Maj Thomas Falconer-Hall focusing on the aims of Defence Engagement (Health), how it has been conducted successfully over recent years, and a discussion on how we can move forward with improvements.
12 – 12.30pm	MED IS and Project Cortisone update Surg Cdr Lisa Stevens OBE
12.30 – 1.15pm	LUNCH
1.15 – 1.50pm	Defence Medical Services update Air Marshal Clare Walton CB KHP, Defence Medical Services Director General
1.50 – 2.30pm	Service complaints guidance Keir Hirst, Wace Morgan Solicitors
2.30 – 3pm	Armed forces committee update and understanding how the BMA can support you Dr Sandy Wood, BMA armed forces committee chair
3 – 3.15pm	REFRESHMENT BREAK
3:15 – 4:15pm	Breakout groups <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Pensions session for regulars Mr David O'Reilly, BMA pensions committee Wendy Bandeira and Rob Morris, Forces Pension Society– Pensions session for civilians Helen Shrimpton, My Civil Service Pension– Discussion on issues affecting Reservists– Discussion on pay and terms and conditions for Junior Medical Officers
4.15 – 4.45pm	Challenges of preparing for medical support during warfighting at scale Air Commodore Luke Houghton KHP MStJ
4.45pm – 4.50pm	Closing remarks
4.50 – 6pm	NETWORKING RECEPTION

