

CLINICAL SUPPORT

Our Veterans Clinical Liaison Service helps beneficiaries identify the best possible treatment and care options via statutory and other providers.

Veterans' Clinical Advisors are the initial point for beneficiaries with serious complex injuries. They can help manage their long-term health issues by advising on hospital appointments and on treatment and prosthetics.

This service encourages early intervention to reduce the likelihood of additional health complications and enable individuals to make good decisions about their care.

Working with GPs and NHS networks, we aim to engage with existing and potential beneficiaries to minimise

the risk of Veterans suffering with preventable complications and life-changing injuries in silence.

Key Workers liaise closely with the Grants team to identify extra support for those who require help with their treatment and equipment.

INSIGHTS

- More than 1,400 Veterans have been supported by our Veterans' Clinical Advisors to date
- 894 beneficiaries were supported by Clinical Services in the last year.

DISCOVER HOW BRENDAN'S LIFE HAS BEEN CHANGED AFTER RECEIVING REVOLUTIONARY EQUIPMENT AND TREATMENT TO HELP HIS RECOVERY FROM A STROKE.

"Thanks to Help for Heroes I feel reborn. There is now a light at the end of the tunnel. I just wish I had walked into the Charity's Recovery Centre many years earlier."

Brendan Gordon, Veteran



Brendan Gordon saw active tours of Kosovo and Northern Ireland until a stroke took away the use of his right arm:

“I went from being a medic saving people, to not being able to do anything. I tried to take my own life after it happened. I just couldn’t see a future; life wasn’t worth living.”

After receiving treatment Brendan served for a further two years, but his right hand remained permanently locked and he was medically discharged in 2012.

Visiting the Help for Heroes Recovery Centre in Colchester, Brendan began a programme of health and physical wellbeing activities, such as yoga, to assist with his ongoing recovery. He also met a local physiotherapist who introduced him to the SaeboGlove – an innovative mobility technology which extends the tendons and retrains the brain:

“My physios told me the brain must do something 7,000 times for it to remember. Mine had forgotten I had a right hand as it has been clenched for

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five years. The glove makes my hand tell my brain it’s still there.”

The glove was so successful that Brendan applied to Help for Heroes for a grant to purchase one. He has since been practicing at home for up to six hours a day.

Having the means to access this cutting-edge technology enabled Brendan to lift his arm and open and close his hand. And when it comes to the future, Brendan’s determination combined with his “miracle glove” will enable further astonishing results:

“It’s difficult to put into words what this means: thanks to Help for Heroes I feel reborn again. There is now a light at the end of the tunnel.”

Many Veterans face complex medical challenges and can benefit from clinical advice to help them to get the best care available. Your support could make a huge impact on the lives of people like Brendan who have found it difficult to get the right help and the treatment they need.