**MOD VETERANS SURVEY**

Gentlemen,

The attached report is informative and revealing.

**Key Points**

         There were an estimated 2.6 million UK Armed Forces veterans residing in households

across Great Britain (GB) in 2014.

         UK Armed Forces veterans residing in GB were predominantly male with over 50% aged 75

or older. This was expected given that National Service ran from 1939 to 1960 and, at certain

times, stated that males of specific ages were required to serve.

         The South East and South West of England were estimated to contain the highest number of

UK Armed Forces veterans equating to 28.6% of the veteran population residing in GB.

         Across UK Armed Forces veterans and non-veterans residing in GB there were no

differences in the types of long term health conditions, with the most prevalent long-term

health conditions being musculoskeletal and cardiovascular and respiratory problems. There

were no differences in the health conditions reported by the working age (16-64) veterans

when compared to the standardised non-veteran population; however a significantly higher

percentage of retirement age (65+) veterans (44.9%) reported conditions relating to legs and

feet, when compared to the non-veteran population (33.9%). This may partly be due to the

physical activities veterans would have partaken in whilst in Service.

         There were no notable differences in the employment status of working age UK Armed

Forces veterans residing in GB when compared to non-veterans with 75.3% of veterans

employed compared to 78.3% of the standardised non-veteran population.

The **full** document can be found on the REA website and on the REA Facebook page.