

**P-05-800 Urgent Appeal for a Welsh Veterans Commissioner –
Correspondence from the Petitioner to the Committee, 04.06.18**

My response to Mr Davies letter.

I will put in points

1. I'm not happy with the way either Mr Davies or one of his team assumes that I'm not compus mentus enough to know about the Armed Forces champion "expert" at my local authority. Firstly I used to be employed by my local authority and secondly I have many times been in contact and only been sign posted to Help for Heroes and a local charity Hire for Heroes, which really only supports veterans who are new leavers.

2. Who are these experts in the Armed Forces expert group and Cross part group for Armed Forces and cadets? How much contact with us veterans, families and dependents? I have contact from different veterans and their spouses, confirming an earlier survey completed by a fellow veteran of the lack of support on the ground for them. Most stating some help from H4H and Veterans NHS Wales, but this is limited. Are these groups aware of the amount of suicides by veterans? How many spouses have been and are subjected to abuse (mine included) and the affects on the children? How much do these experts cost?

3. How and where did the figure of costing for the Commissioner come from.

4. What has Mr Davies got against us veterans? As he puts down anything to do with veterans.

5. Will the petitions committee meet with myself and fellow veteran Miss Hughes with evidence for them to see?

6. Will Mr Davies and or both the Armed Forces expert group and the Cross party group for the Armed forces and cadets meet with myself and Miss Hughes?