



Bolton Armed Forces Centre 4 Veterans CIO  
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### **Bolton Armed Forces Centre 4 Veterans CIO end of year Report 2019**

2019 was a very demanding year for the charity. With little finding the storage centre we occupy was opened to the public for small donations for small items that would not be used by a veteran.

This allowed minor funds in to the charity which dulled the running costs slightly.

The volunteers have now increased and the centre has 2 full time volunteers and 2 part time volunteers with a third full time volunteer being a Trustee.

The help we have given to our beneficiaries this year is of a wide range from operating a small food bank, Mental Health, Employment advice, PIP/Benefit claim advice to homelessness/ rehousing and assisting with white goods and furniture.

With the introduction of the tight restrictions imposed on the country and at the time this report is being wrote the charity has had to re-focus its objectives.

With the hub now being by appointment only and having to abide by the strict government guidelines we are finding more and more of our beneficiaries having mental health problems and facing poverty which comes Hand in hand to some aspect.

We now have a large food bank and we are delivering on a daily basis to several different families each day. Completing benefit forms has also become a hardship as these are now mostly online. We tend to help the elder veterans with this.

Our Stats for 2019

Mental Health 317

Homelessness 27

Poverty 83

Employment advice 47

PIP Benefits 276

Other issues 241

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