

## **SSAFA BRIEF TO KOSB AGM – 26 NOV 2022**

### **SOME STATS**

- 3400 volunteers –of whom 1300 are caseworkers.
- 16.000 cases and visits in 2021.
- Cases are well up, and beyond pre pandemic levels- 1200 in Scotland so far this year. Largest three Branches– around 150 each so far - Fife, Lanarkshire and Edin/ Lothians, then G'gow/ Ayrshire. D & G – 45, Borders –40+/-.
- £9 M + almonised from benevolent funds for clients already. F'cast to be £11M, cf £8.6M in 2021 . £1.5M in Scotland so far. Demand is huge, and growing.
- Calls to SSAFA Forcesline f'cast to be 130% up from pre pandemic levels. 0800 260 6767 or 0141 488 8552 for the Scottish equivalent.
- 80% of clients have long term physical or mental health issues

**BIG ISSUES**- social isolation, loneliness with impact on mental health, relationship breakdowns, family separations, leading to housing and debt problems , food and fuel / heating poverty .

**SAFEGUARDING ISSUES** well up. ie abuse/ violence ,sexual attacks , harming, suicide threats ,child neglect . 150 calls to the SSAA safeguarding office so far this year.

**Case Workers**- shortages all over UK. In Scotland 180 cases unallocated as at mid Nov. PLEASE - BORDERER VETERANS – give serious thought to becoming a SSAFA volunteer caseworker. What's the commitment? As much or as little as you can give –no fixed/ rigid number of hours p week. Easy to find out how- paste this link into your browser:

[www.ssafa.org.uk/volunteer](http://www.ssafa.org.uk/volunteer)

**VOL. RECRUITMENT** being streamlined - made easier and quicker.

Prison in Reach – PATCHY

300 th CHILD ADOPTED into a HM Forces family with SSAFA adoption service, fantastic achievement.

REGIONAL HUBS- a great success -back office support to Branches.

### **Christmas Concert (I can get you tickets)**



Thursday, 1 December 2022, 19:00

Glen Pavilion, Pittencrieff Park, Dunfermline, KY12 8QH

We are delighted to announce that we will be presenting the Military Wives Choir and brass volunteers - SSAFA Brass- to celebrate Christmas and support our Armed Forces at the same time.

**SSAFA –LATEST STRAP LINES**

**VISION** – a society in which the Armed Forces, veterans and their families can thrive.

**MISSION** -to be a trusted source of support for serving personnel, veterans and their families in time of need.

**VALUES** Commitment, understanding, integrity and compassion.

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