



**The Ulster Defence Regiment Benevolent Fund
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Dear UDR Veteran

The Board of The UDR Benevolent Fund are conscious that many of our Veterans are experiencing health issues which have resulted in them being placed on NHS waiting lists to seen by a consultant.

The Board are aware of a number of Health Schemes which offer 24 Hour medical Helplines and access to private medical consultants, many of these schemes also offer additional annual benefits such as: £50per year towards dental care, £50 per year towards optician cost and perhaps £100 towards other therapies.

While this is not private medical insurance and does not cover the cost of medical treatment, it does mean that individuals may receive a diagnosis faster than on current NHS waiting lists.

The Board wish to gauge whether there would be interest for such a health scheme amongst UDR Veterans; and subject to the response, they may consider running a limited pilot scheme.

The pilot scheme would not cost the Veteran anything, as the monthly premium would be paid by the Benevolent Fund.

It is envisaged that the pilot scheme would run for a period of 1 year and following an assessment by both The Benevolent Fund and the Service Provider, a decision on its financial viability would be made.

The Benevolent Fund would only be involved in the initial registration and annual renewal, all personal medical information would be dealt with by the Service Provider.

If The Board believes that there is sufficient interest in such a Health Scheme, the first 800 to register an interest by the Consultation closing date of 30 June 2021 would be selected for the pilot scheme.

To register your interest please complete the attached “Expression of Interest” document and return via email to

**udrbenfund@outlook.com or post to The UDR Benevolent Fund,
Anderson House, Palace Barracks, Holywood C. Down, BT18 9Q.
The Benevolent Fund will advise whether your application for the
pilot scheme has been successful.**

Yours faithfully,

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