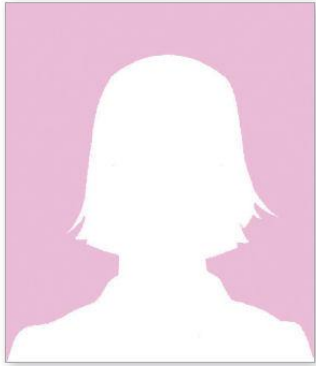
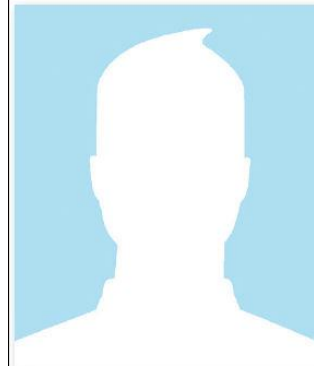




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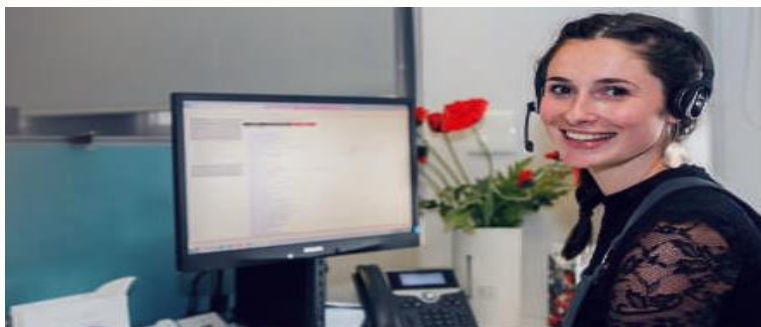
Saturday, August 10, 2019

(Room 6)

11:00 - 13:00 WS #85: Military Medicine Forum (120mins, not repeated)



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Te Tira Ahu Ika A Whiro



Supporting NZDF Veterans

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Our mission



“Ensuring veterans get the support, recognition, entitlements and services available to them so they lead a healthy and productive life.”



Our role



We are part of the New Zealand Defence Force

We have our own:

- Minister for Veterans
- veterans' support legislation
- designated budget



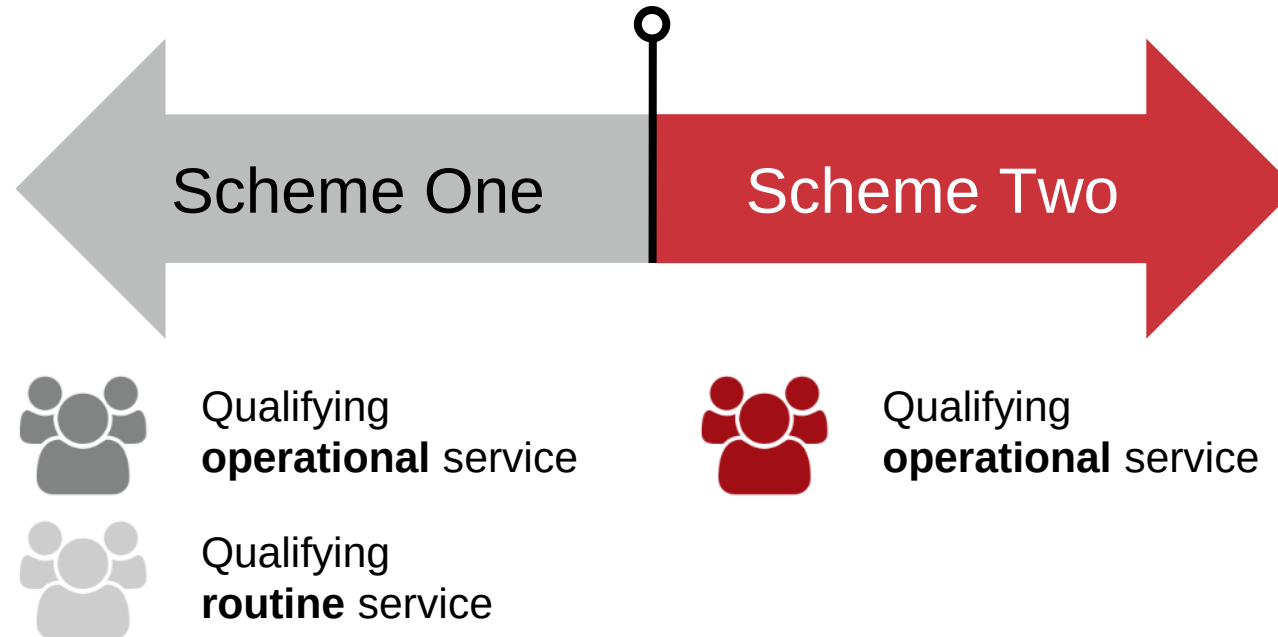
Who is a veteran?



Qualifying for support



1 April 1974



Qualifying operational service



Our work at a glance



12,000
clients—
veterans and whānau



 \$95 million
paid out in
financial
entitlements

3,600 Veterans receive
VIP home services



We help maintain

183

Services
cemeteries

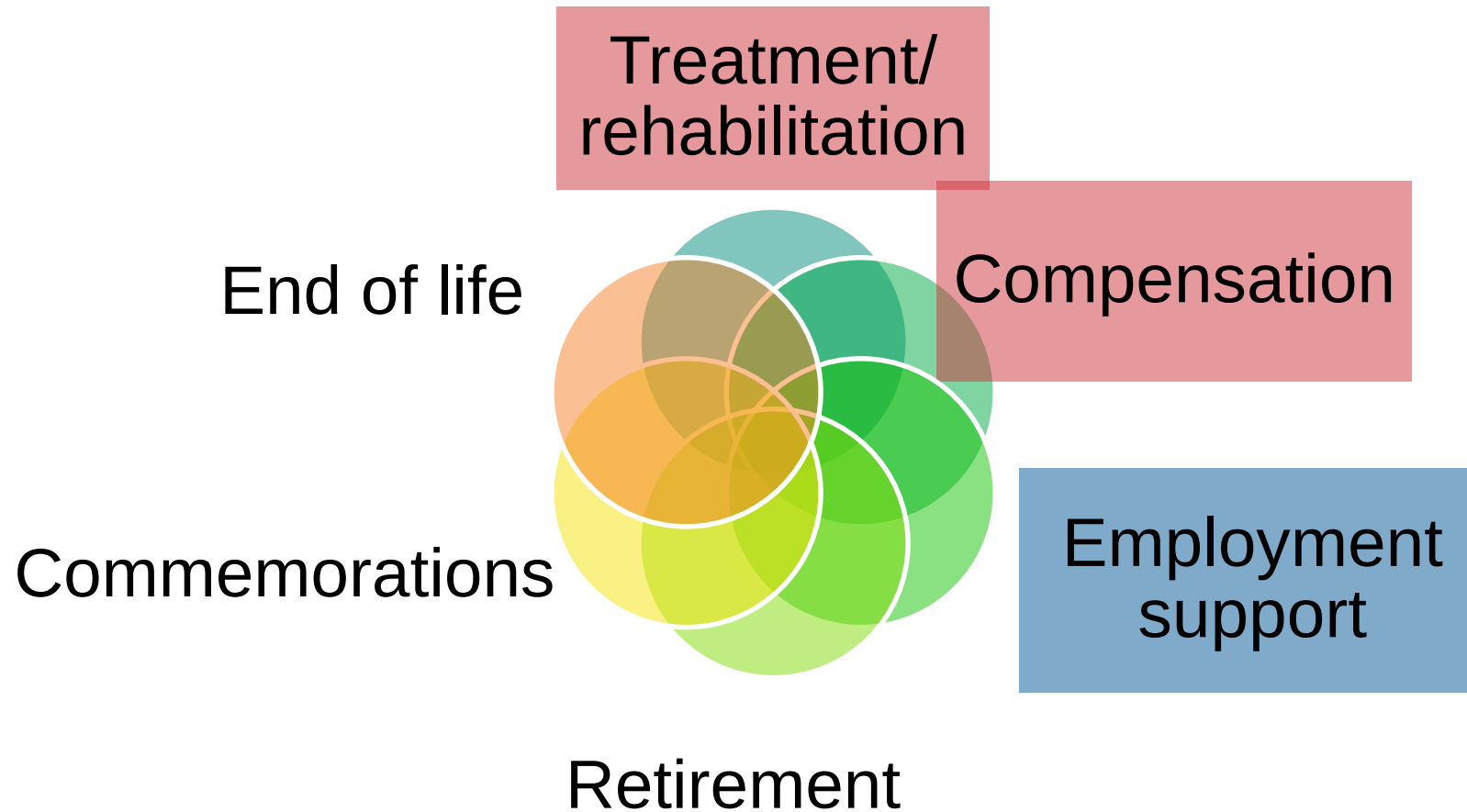


38,000
phone calls each year
to our Enquiry Line



97%
satisfaction

What we provide



Access to treatment



- GP's should be a veterans' first point of contact for any condition.
- The veteran needs qualifying service and an accepted condition.
- Any private appointments or treatment funded by Veterans' Affairs requires pre-approval .
- Send all reports with application.
- Payment is through Greencross Health.

Private specialist care



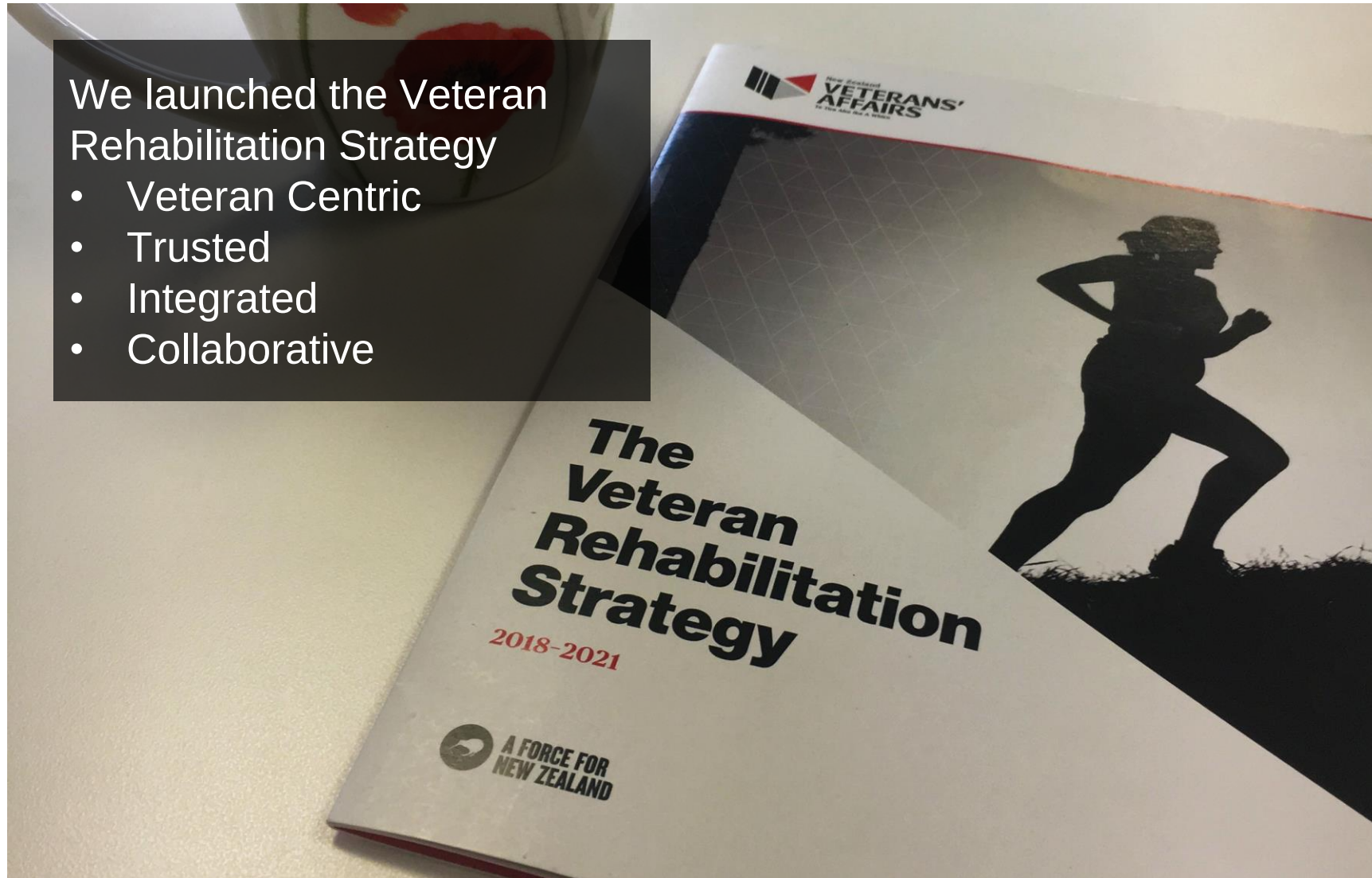
- We must first use public services or standard provision (e.g. DHB or ACC)
- We can fund private/specialist care where:
 - treatment is not available through the public health system
 - the veteran doesn't meet the criteria to be seen in the public system
 - waiting would adversely affect the veterans health or independence.

May 2018



We launched the Veteran Rehabilitation Strategy

- Veteran Centric
- Trusted
- Integrated
- Collaborative



We need your help



We need your help to engage with:

- younger veterans (Scheme 2)
- veterans going through specific life events:
 - transitioning out of NZDF and into civilian life
 - 4 years post a traumatic event
 - retirement
 - ageing.

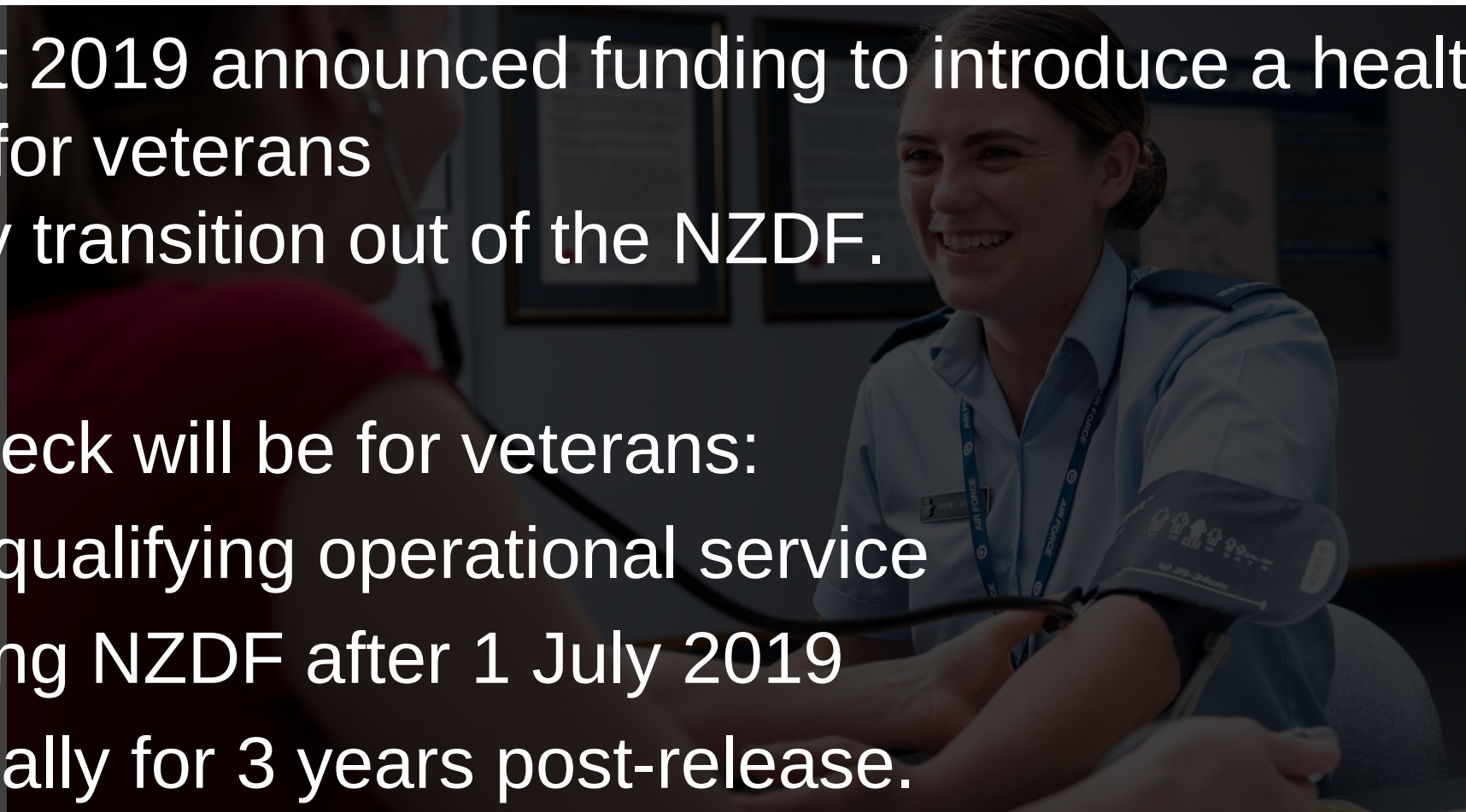
New approach to transition



Budget 2019 announced funding to introduce a health check for veterans as they transition out of the NZDF.

The check will be for veterans:

- with qualifying operational service
- leaving NZDF after 1 July 2019
- annually for 3 years post-release.



New approach to transition



The assessments:

- will be with a GP
- can become an application for support from VA – treatment and compensation
- will be fully funded by VA, but further tests will require prior approval/accepted claim.

Stay up-to-date by visiting va.mil.nz/veteran-health-check

What you can do



1. Ask “*have you served?*”
2. Encourage veterans to:
 - check their eligibility on the Veterans’ Affairs website
 - get in touch with us if they have any questions
 - request their service records (if they haven’t already)
3. Encourage participation with a GP

Contact us



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Or visit:

www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz