



The Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre Benevolent Fund

DMRC is the UK's leading and world renowned military rehabilitation centre, established in 1949 to treat injured pilots and aircrew. Since that time, it has developed in to a tri-service organisation with a weekly patient cohort of 120, treating a range of injuries, including significant life changing disabilities.

Each and every one of our patients have their own personal stories of their journey through rehabilitation. However, they all share one common goal as they climb the rehabilitation mountain and that is maximising their potential for their future. For some that may mean sporting and professional achievements, for others it is simply to be able to live independently or be able to support their families.

Whilst the public purse provides for most of our conventional therapies and medical treatments, DMRC Stanford Hall relies on The DMRC Benevolent Fund to support holistic, occupational and social integration initiatives and activities that contribute to our patients' successful outcomes. Previously, our income generation has always matched our annual expenditure. However, over the past couple of years a misperception that our patient numbers have decreased has resulted in reduced donations. As a unit we remain as busy as ever. As such we now find ourselves needing to actively fundraise for this vital charity.

The DMRC Benevolent Fund enables the patients and staff the opportunity to purchase items that are not accessible via any other means. Everyone's future is hugely important. In the here and now, the DMRC Benevolent Fund aims to prepare patients to face their challenges through support, equipment and social opportunities.

The DMRC Benevolent fund is able to support our rehabilitation teams in establishing forward thinking and innovative therapy ideas by which to capitalise on the engagement and motivation of our patients. The competitive nature of our military personnel is captured by these initiatives and therapeutic outcomes are subsequently outstanding.

The process of allocation of funds is monitored by a committee who review relevant research and clinical justification to ensure that the patient receives the most suitable equipment. This team of individuals and those who oversee and assist with the charity do so on a voluntary basis. This means that every penny raised goes directly to the patients and staff of DMRC Stanford Hall, something that we are hugely proud of.

It is clear that without this incredible fund the rehab outcomes that are achieved would be very different. Without doubt, this fund allows an individual's full potential to be realised in both return to military service or in preparation for civilian life.

We hope with your support, the work of the DMRC Benevolent Fund will continue at Stanford Hall.

Thank you