



Research into experiences of ex-serving Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel in corrective services systems in Australia

The Open Door: Veteran Transition Integration Wellbeing research initiative at Flinders University has been contracted by the Department of Veterans' Affairs to undertake the first national study of veterans in corrective services systems in Australia. This is a one-year study being conducted across South Australia, New South Wales and Queensland.

We are seeking communication from veterans and ex-service organisations that have contact with veterans with lived experience of corrective services to assist in this study. The team includes veterans and must also involve the veteran sector to understand this issue effectively.

Project lead Associate Professor Ben Wadham is seeking contact with veterans and veteran organisations who can contribute to this research study. Please contact him at

ben.wadham@flinders.edu.au

M: 0447947880

This study will investigate why veterans become involved in Australian corrective services systems. This includes understanding the types of offences they have committed, their needs in the community and in prison. We will investigate this through the exploration of veterans' transition from the Australian Defence Force (ADF) to civilian life to imprisonment. Our aim is to identify and understand the risk factors for veteran criminal offending, and support needs, in order to develop recommendations for the military and correctional services on strategies to enhance desistance from crime among that group. The study will take place in South Australia, Queensland and New South Wales.

This study is currently undergoing an ethics approval process through the Departments of Defence and Veterans' Affairs Human Research Ethics Committee.

