**INITIAL APPLICATION ASSESSMENT CRITERIA (MHRP)**

1. Does the application fail on the grounds of any of the eligibility criteria below:  **YES/NO**\*

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| * Grant to an Individual (incl. to those carrying out research eg PhD students)
* Does not benefit Service or ex-Service personnel or their families
* Does not have a direct benefit in the UK (excl Foreign and Commonwealth groups)
* Work is primarily the responsibility of government/statutory bodies (eg LAs, NHS)
* Retrospective
* General appeal or circular
* Churches / other religious purposes
* Profit-making organisations (unless CSR support for service personnel, veterans or families )
* Organisations with unrestricted reserves equating to more than 1 year of operations
* Ongoing costs for an already established project/ or more service evaluation than research
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2. Does the application fit within any of the MH research priority fields below: **YES/NO\***

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| Alcohol and substance misuse, including effective & appropriate interventions |  |
| The usefulness of services aimed specifically at veterans (incl. peer support workers) |  |
| Methods to improve help-seeking rates & barriers to help-seeking |  |
| The efficacy of military & veteran charities to provide effective MH support |  |
| The effectiveness of a ‘Recover based model’ for the veteran population, including a wider focus on employment & debt management |  |
| Family impacts, including aggressive behaviour, violence & domestic abuse |  |

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| **Aide Memoire for Assessing required information**  | **Notes** |
| **Aims*** Clearly articulates aims or research questions
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| **Need*** Clearly articulates a need, with reference to either a gap in existing literature and/or to stakeholder demands to establish that need
* Has the potential to add new insights to knowledge-base
* Describes how the work fits with FiMT’s research priorities
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| **Methods*** Clear and feasible outline of how the project will be undertaken & why
* Identifies number of participants; sample size or beneficiaries
* Demonstrates (relevant) partnership working
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| **Expertise*** Demonstrates the ability of organisation, staff and management to deliver the project (request illustration of work if necessary)
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| **Expected Outcomes & Impact*** Identifies clear and achievable outcomes
* Identifies how the project answer the aims/research questions
* Indicates potential impact, pathway to impact and approach to M&E
* Potential for national impact
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| **Exit Strategy*** Identifies a realistic sustainability exit strategy re. ongoing service or transfer of services to appropriately funded bodies.
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| **Dissemination*** Indicates dissemination plans
* Shows potential to influence (eg leverage through partnerships)
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| **Time Scale*** Offers a clear, feasible and appropriate timescale to achieve aims
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| **Budget** * Offers a clear, realistic and appropriate budget
* Provides brief explanation and breakdown of main budget items
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