**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 |  |

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 |  |
| **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 |  |
| **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 |  |
| **Expertise**   * Demonstrates the ability of organisation, staff and management to deliver the project (request illustration of work if necessary) |  |
| **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 |  |
| **Exit Strategy**   * Identifies a realistic sustainability exit strategy re. ongoing service or transfer of services to appropriately funded bodies. |  |
| **Dissemination**   * Indicates dissemination plans * Shows potential to influence (eg leverage through partnerships) |  |
| **Time Scale**   * Offers a clear, feasible and appropriate timescale to achieve aims |  |
| **Budget**   * Offers a clear, realistic and appropriate budget * Provides brief explanation and breakdown of main budget items |  |