



WRAC Association

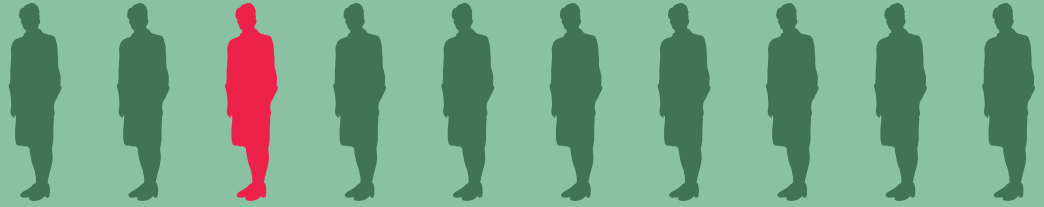
Women's Royal Army Corps Association

Supporting women who served



FINANCIAL NEEDS

1 in 10



of the ex-Service community reports some kind of financial difficulty

(430,000 people)

2 in 10



of the ex-Service community had turned the heating down or off, despite it being too cold (a measure of fuel poverty, equivalent to 870,000 people) [although this is less than general population]



ex-Service community is more likely to be **out of work** than the general population – for adults aged 16-64; 60% of the ex-Service community are employed vs 72% of the general population

- This will greatly affect the **older population** with the planned increases in State Pension age from 2019 onwards (from 65 to 67 by 2020, then from 66 to 67 between 2026 and 2028) – afterwards it is being kept under review, so may continue to increase
- “this will affect our ex WRAC community the most”

Local authorities' spend on social care has **DROPPED FOR 4 YEARS** in a row despite a predicted increase in age-related spending from 20.4% GDP in 2008 to 24.1% GDP in 2020:

Given these cuts in council spending, there will be an increasing gap between supply and demand

