



Evidence based findings about the veteran population in England's West Midlands

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1. Estimates of working age veterans (2011)

	Working age veterans	Residents aged 16 to 64	Veterans as % of all residents aged 16 to 64	Male working age veterans	Male veterans as % of all working age veterans	Female working age veterans	Female veterans as % of all working age veterans
ENGLAND AND WALES	745,765	3,627,3707	2.06%	684,070	91.73%	61,695	8.27%
ENGLAND	697,427	34,329,091	2.03%	639,745	91.73%	57,680	8.27%
WEST MIDLANDS	65,692	3,561,430	1.84%	60,660	92.34%	5,030	7.66%
Herefordshire, County of	4,095	112,946	3.63%	3,735	91.21%	360	8.79%
Shropshire	5,429	189,680	2.86%	4,930	90.79%	500	9.21%
Stoke-on-Trent	3,488	161,824	2.16%	3,270	93.70%	220	6.30%
Telford and Wrekin	3,831	108,351	3.54%	3,450	90.08%	380	9.92%
Staffordshire	12,296	541,569	2.27%	11,400	92.72%	895	7.28%
• Cannock Chase	1,666	63,370	2.63%	1,560	93.69%	105	6.31%
• East Staffordshire	1,535	72,690	2.11%	1,435	93.49%	100	6.51%
• Lichfield	1,296	62,803	2.06%	1,215	93.82%	80	6.18%
• Newcastle-under-Lyme	1,685	80,305	2.10%	1,570	93.18%	115	6.82%
• South Staffordshire	1,227	68,001	1.80%	1,135	92.65%	90	7.35%
• Stafford	2,443	83,352	2.93%	2,205	90.18%	240	9.82%
• Staffordshire Moorlands	1,206	60,725	1.99%	1,110	92.12%	95	7.88%
• Tamworth	1,238	50,323	2.46%	1,165	93.95%	75	6.05%
Warwickshire	7,116	347,804	2.05%	6,540	91.92%	575	8.08%
• North Warwickshire	888	39,664	2.24%	820	92.13%	65	7.30%
• Nuneaton and Bedworth	1,919	80,322	2.39%	1,790	93.23%	130	6.77%
• Rugby	1,485	63,355	2.34%	1,360	91.58%	125	8.42%
• Stratford-on-Avon	1,455	73,462	1.98%	1,325	91.07%	130	8.93%
• Warwick	1,369	91,001	1.50%	1,245	90.88%	120	8.76%
West Midlands	21,661	1,742,841	1.24%	20,120	92.89%	1,540	7.11%
• Birmingham	7,058	690,150	1.02%	6,450	91.36%	610	8.64%
• Coventry	2,744	207,856	1.32%	2,520	91.80%	225	8.20%
• Dudley	2,914	195,224	1.49%	2,745	94.17%	170	5.83%
• Sandwell	2,351	194,988	1.21%	2,205	93.83%	145	6.17%
• Solihull	1,950	127,897	1.52%	1,840	94.36%	110	5.64%
• Walsall	2,451	167,308	1.46%	2,315	94.49%	135	5.51%

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• Wolverhampton	2,193	159,418	1.38%	2,045	93.17%	150	6.83%
Worcestershire	7,776	356,415	2.18%	7,215	92.80%	560	7.20%
• Bromsgrove	935	57,972	1.61%	870	93.05%	65	6.95%
• Malvern Hills	1,051	44,238	2.38%	980	93.33%	70	6.67%
• Redditch	1,202	55,772	2.16%	1,115	92.92%	85	7.08%
• Worcester	1,617	65,682	2.46%	1,495	92.57%	120	7.43%
• Wychavon	1,611	72,024	2.24%	1,495	92.86%	115	7.14%
• Wyre Forest	1,360	60,727	2.24%	1,260	92.65%	100	7.35%

Adapted from Census 2011: Working age UK armed forces veterans residing in England and Wales.

Due to rounding, percentages may not always add up to 100%.

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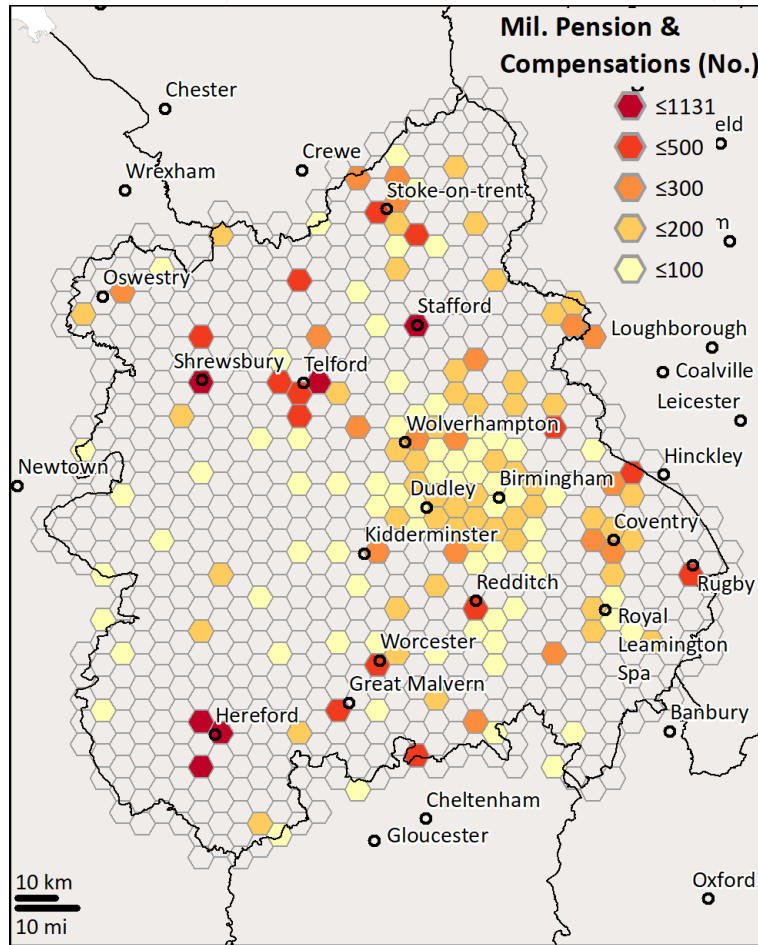
2. Military pension and compensation recipients (2017)

	All	Of which veterans	All AFPS	All WPS	WPS: Veterans (Disablement Pensioners)	WPS: War Widow(er)s	WPS: Other War Pensioners	All AFCS	AFCS: Serving Personnel	AFCS: Veterans
UK	405,019	374,023	307,085	113,292	96,835	15,937	520	32,599	15,222	17,377
ENGLAND	333,131	306,974	253,530	90,083	76,503	13,163	417	27,889	13,150	14,739
West Midlands	24,771	22,587	18,333	7,151	5,993	1,126	32	2,196	1,068	1,128
Herefordshire, County of	2,506	2,204	1,917	658	577	~	~	323	231	92
Shropshire	3,393	3,097	2,640	790	677	~	~	353	189	164
Telford and Wrekin	2,137	2,041	1,762	476	431	~	~	169	60	109
Cannock Chase	463	436	348	130	114	16	0	26	11	15
East Staffordshire	539	497	402	151	128	~	~	42	20	22
Lichfield	536	486	401	147	128	19	0	61	32	29
Newcastle-under-Lyme	498	465	372	175	151	~	~	20	11	9
South Staffordshire	425	387	301	142	117	~	~	32	13	19
Stafford	1,384	1,261	1,105	267	221	~	~	157	80	77
Staffordshire Moorlands	406	366	292	150	125	~	~	28	16	12
Stoke-on-Trent	975	886	655	351	292	56	3	80	30	50
Tamworth	384	369	317	89	80	9	0	25	6	19
North Warwickshire	245	225	176	77	64	~	~	14	7	7
Nuneaton and Bedworth	707	664	526	233	208	~	~	51	18	33
Rugby	518	451	340	123	103	20	0	103	48	55
Stratford-on-Avon	727	667	589	174	132	~	~	36	19	17
Warwick	463	425	328	156	125	~	~	19	7	12
Birmingham	1,894	1,687	1,233	660	534	121	5	196	83	113
Coventry	777	695	498	285	236	49	0	82	35	47
Dudley	664	580	419	249	187	~	~	55	22	33
Sandwell	505	454	323	178	145	~	~	51	18	33
Solihull	543	486	348	212	166	46	0	43	11	32
Walsall	581	513	370	229	183	43	3	47	23	24
Wolverhampton	625	580	422	222	186	~	~	42	10	32
Bromsgrove	277	240	180	110	83	27	0	19	10	9

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Malvern Hills	570	534	480	129	102	27	0	18	9	9
Redditch	331	311	255	93	83	10	0	26	11	15
Worcester	573	534	453	177	147	30	0	20	9	11
Wychavon	710	658	567	207	171	36	0	32	16	16
Wyre Forest	415	388	314	111	97	14	0	26	13	13

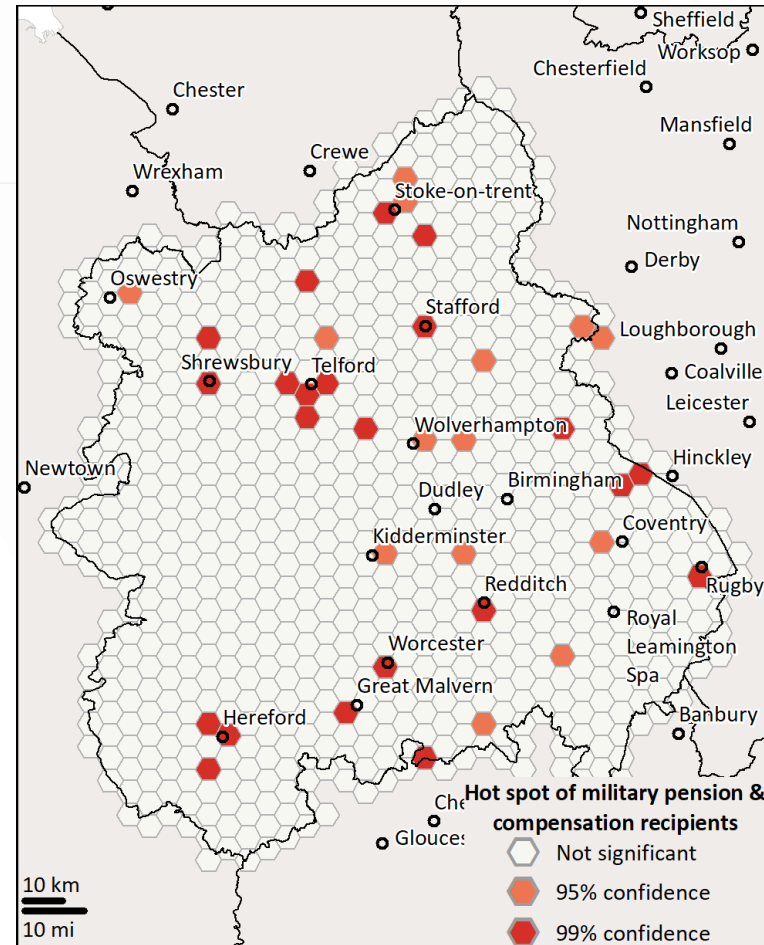
*Adapted from UK Location of Armed Forces Pension and Compensation Recipients.
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Military pensions & compensations in West Midlands (2017).



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Hot spots of military pension & compensation recipients (2017).



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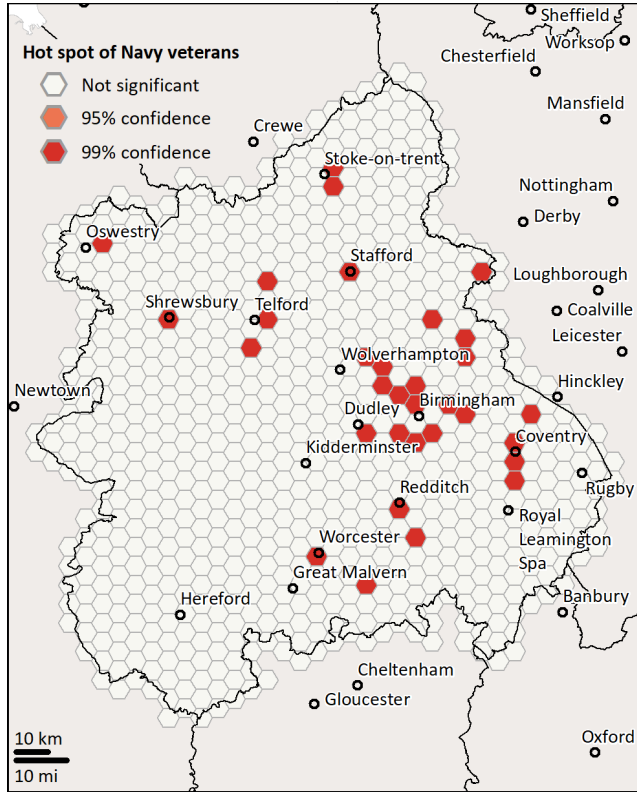
The figure above shows the distribution and count of military pensions & compensations in the West Midlands.

The figure above shows the main areas where military pension & compensation recipients were located. The location of the hot spots is the result of a spatial pattern that could not have happened by random chance.

Data source: UK Location of Armed Forces Pension and Compensation Recipients 2017.

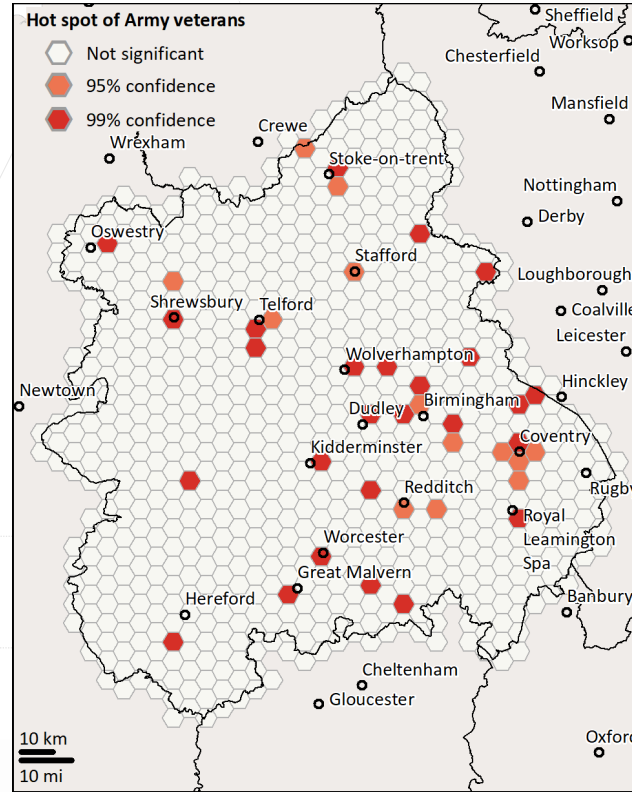
3. Financial hardship (2015/17)

Hot spots of recipients of funding: Navy veterans.



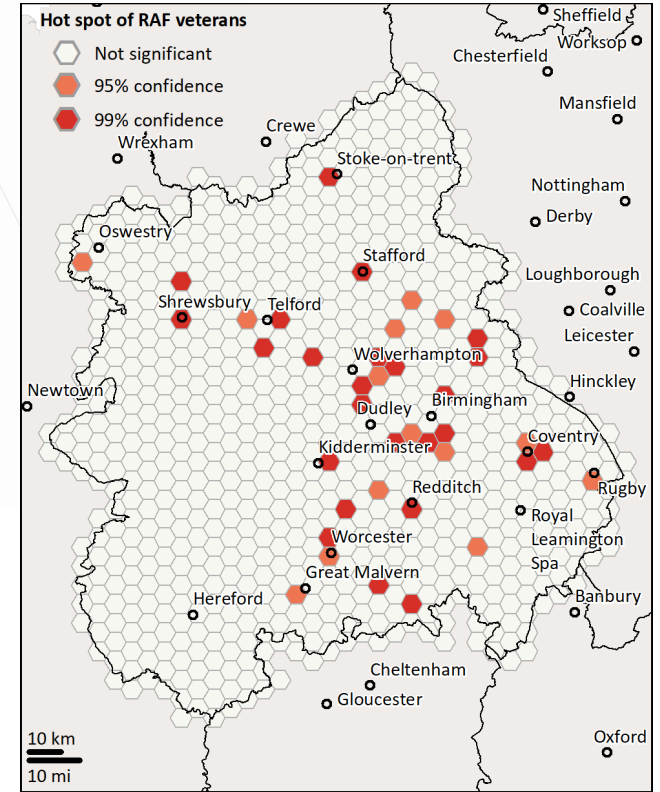
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Hot spots of recipients of funding: Army veterans.



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Hot spots of recipients of funding: RAF veterans.



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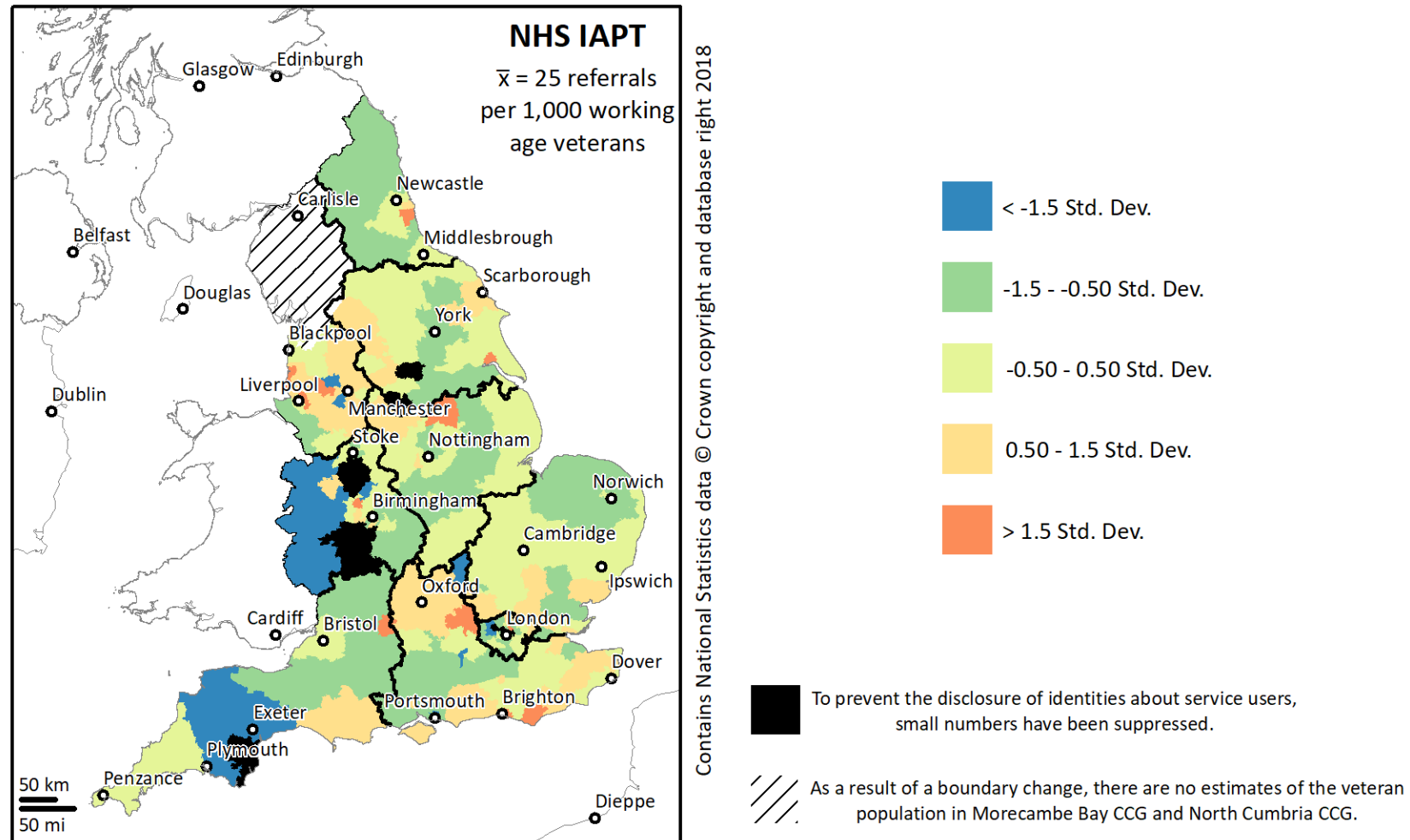
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The figure above shows the main areas where the RAF veterans recipients of financial assistance were located. The location of the hot spots is the result of a spatial pattern that could not have happened by random chance.

Data source: Map of Need data sharing agreements with the RNBT, ABF and RAFBF.

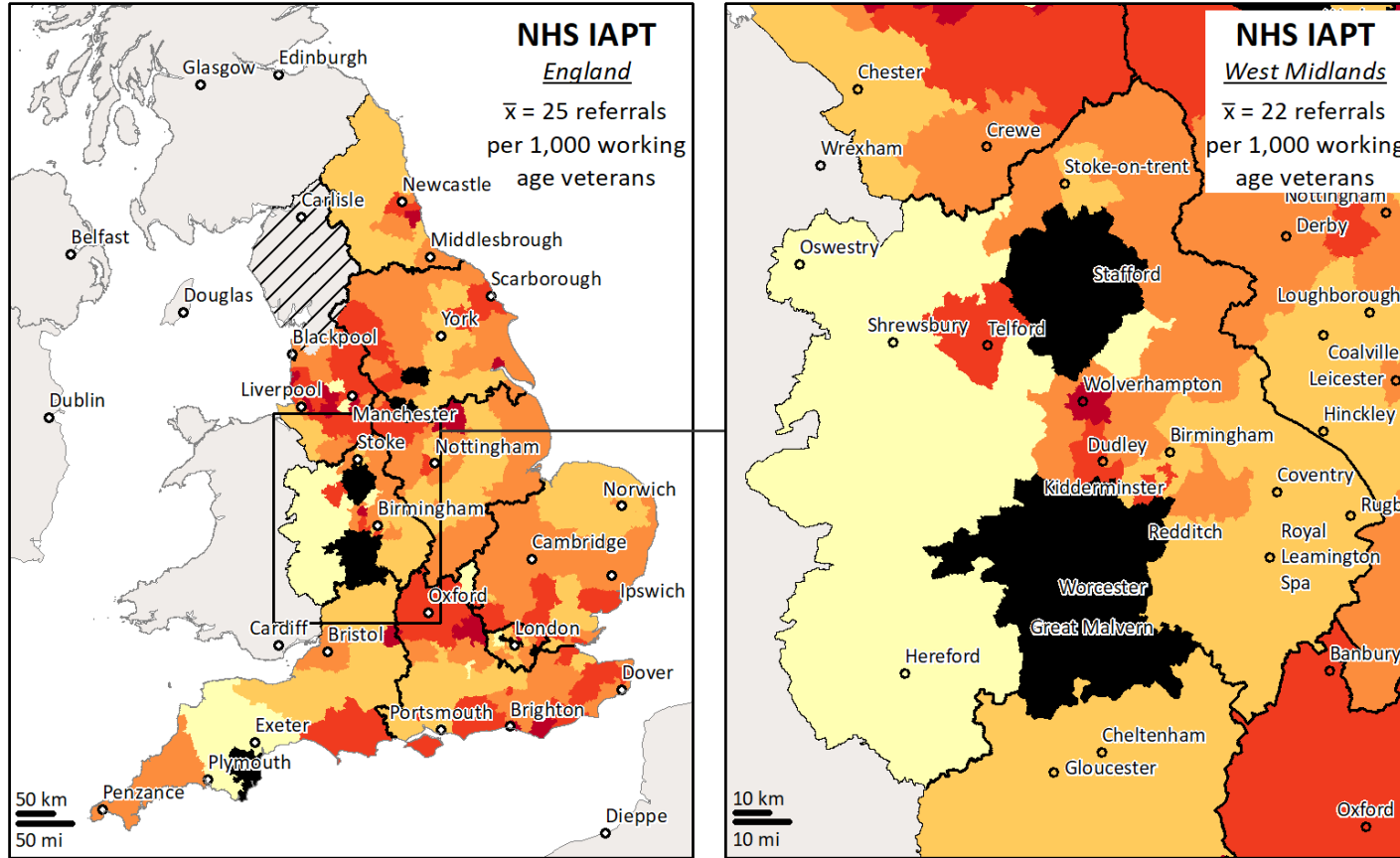
4. Mental health (2017/18)

Deviations from the mean veterans' rate of access to mental health treatment (2017/18).



The figure above shows the distribution of the veterans' rates of access to mental health treatment in the financial year 2017/18. The orange indicates areas where veterans accessing services is greater than 1.5 standard deviations above the mean prevalence rate of access, and the blue where it is less than 1.5 standard deviations below the mean. The central classification of -0.50 - 0.50 indicates the geographical areas where the number of veterans accessing the services is roughly the same as the average (mean) prevalence.

Veterans' rates of access to mental health treatment (NHS IAPT 2017/18).



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As a result of a boundary change, there are no estimates of the veteran population in Morecambe Bay CCG and North Cumbria CCG.

The figure above shows the veterans' rates of access to mental health treatment for the NHS IAPT service.

Data source: Psychological Therapies (IAPT) activity by ex-British armed force status and gender 2017-18; NHS Digital 2019.