

Focus On: **Armed Forces Charities**

- Sector Trends



There are currently 1,888 UK armed forces charities

This makes up around 1.1% of all charities registered in the UK



The sector has shrunk by 65 charities since 2012

In the last 2 years, the sector has shrunk by 4.6%



31 charity mergers since 2012

Collaboration continues between armed forces charities



Scottish charities are closing at a faster rate

Scottish charities are closing at twice the rate of those opening



Association branches are in rapid decline

There are now 152 less association branches than in 2012



Welfare charities are volatile

One third of closed welfare charities had a lifespan of less than 10 years



Total sector income has grown steadily since 2012

Income grew from £741 million in 2012 to £1 billion in 2016



The 45 largest charities generate 74% of all income

75% of the sector is made up of micro and small charities which generate just 2% of income



Welfare charities account for two-thirds of income

Welfare charities' income has remained relatively stable since 2012