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dependency which was an essential requirement before clinicians could seek to make any assessment of PTSD. Following Mr Day's discharge from the Army in late 2020, continuity of care was provided by the Defence Transition Services and Veterans Welfare Services, together with the NHS.

Considering this, and the suite of mental health services that do exist for the Armed Forces community, I do not feel there is an immediate need to change MOD policies in response to your Regulation 28 Report. However, that is not to assume everything is perfect, and I am committed to improving the overall level of support given to both Service Personnel and Veterans. I can assure you, and Mr Day's family, that if there are any significant improvements that can be identified, steps will be taken to implement them.

Despite my conclusion, I thank you for raising these important questions. This type of challenge is essential to ensure that this government provides the support our Armed Forces need. As ever, my thoughts remain with Mr Day's family and all his friends and colleagues who continue to feel his loss so acutely.

Yours sincerely,

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