

## Department of Dermatology

### Skin cancer and War Pensions

If you have been diagnosed with skin cancer and have served in Her Majesty's Armed Forces, you may well qualify for a lump sum payment or regular pension, if it is believed that the tumour has developed as a result of sun exposure during your period of service.

If you have developed a basal cell carcinoma (BCC), squamous cell carcinoma (SCC) or melanoma, you can apply to the War Pensions Agency (particularly if your service was in sunny climates).

If you feel you may be entitled to claim please request a claim form from:

**Veterans UK**

**UK Helpline: 0808 1914 218**

Veterans UK have a helpful team who are able to support you to complete the application if necessary.

When you have completed your form, the War Pensions Agency will contact the hospital to ask for a copy of your medical notes, in order to assess your application.

You can find further information online at:  
[www.veterans-uk.info](http://www.veterans-uk.info)

If you have a specific requirement, need an interpreter, a document in Easy Read, another language, large print, Braille or audio version, please call **01865 221 473** or email **PALSJR@ouh.nhs.uk**

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