



‘Healthcare, Disability, Non-State Actors and So Much More’

Dates: 2 February 2026 | via Zoom

Overview

Following on from two very successful in-person events hosted at the University of Birmingham in April and October 2025, the Military Welfare History Network invites submissions to the third and final event in the [‘The Military Communities’ Medical Welfare and Care History Conference Series](#). Funded by the SSHM-Wellcome Trust, this event will engage with the ‘conference series’ three core themes:

- Medical and healthcare provisions for (European) militaries past and present
- Disability and life-long medical needs due to military service
- Non-State actors in the provision of military welfare and healthcare

We invite the submission of abstract for papers which will engage with one or more of these

Event Schedule

This symposium will run from 0900 to 1700hrs (Dublin time) on Monday 2 February and will comprise of four, three-paper panels, several screen breaks and a keynote lecture. Papers will be 20 minutes long and will be followed by 10 minutes of Q&A.

Keynotes

This is to be given by Prof Jennifer Mittelstadt (Rutgers University).

Submission Deadline

We request submissions to militarywelfarehistory@gmail.com by **Sunday 11 January 2026**. Individual papers or panels can be submitted. Panels should comprise three papers and submit

a panel abstract as well. Abstracts should be no more than 250 words per paper and should be accompanied by a 50-word biography for each presenter.

The conference will be streamed live via Zoom to registered online attendees. This event is free to attend, but please book your place via militarywelfarehistory@gmail.com, if you are not presenting.

Podcasting

Please note that the papers presented at this event will be recorded and added [the Network's existing page](#) on the HistoryHub podcast series.

Time Zones

We appreciate that time zone differences will cause participation difficulties for some presenters and attendees. Every effort will be made to try and provide speakers with a presentation time that is not too inconvenient, but *as not every time zone can be accommodated those who submit an abstract should be prepared to present within the period of 0900 to 1700hrs (Dublin time).*

Conference Team

Dr Paul Huddie (MWHN Co-ordinator)

Dr Michael Robinson (University of Birmingham)

This event is one of the three-part 2025-26 Military Welfare History Network series. which is supported by the Wellcome Trust through the Society for the Social History of Medicine.

