

Blesma, The Limbless Veterans, is dedicated to assisting serving and ex-Service men and women who have suffered life-changing limb loss or the loss of use of a limb, an eye or loss of sight whether **during or after** their military Service. Blesma provides lifelong support to its Members, and following the death of a Member, the widow/widower have membership in their own right and are provided with the same lifelong support; in essence caring for the carer.

Our mission is to assist limbless veterans to lead independent and fulfilling lives and Blesma will work tirelessly to ensure Members are not failed, forgotten or left to fend for themselves.

Our Expertise

- Providing advice and assistance on war pensions, compensation and benefits.
- Delivering unique individual welfare support and advice.
- Providing financial assistance to Members to aid their independence and wellbeing.
- Working with the NHS on prosthetic issues.
- Advocating on behalf of our Members on issues that concern them.
- Offering support to elderly Members to help them maintain independence, enabling them to remain in their own homes whenever possible,
- Providing a national annual programme of amputee-supporting-amputee activities.
- Providing regional activities and events within Northern Ireland.

Northern Ireland contacts

Blesma Support Officer Scotland, Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland

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The role of the Blesma Support Officer is to provide practical and emotional support to Members. He is trained in providing wide ranging support and advice from benefits, War Pension, AFCS, financial grants, independent advocacy to prosthetics and mobility aids; the Blesma Support Officer is out on the ground delivering that support in Scotland and visits members in Northern Ireland throughout the year. The Blesma Support Officer is also engaged in executive level meetings in Northern Ireland and Scotland.

Blesma Outreach Officer Northern Ireland

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The role of the Blesma Outreach Officer is to support Members and enhance Blesma's profile within Northern Ireland. The Outreach Officer, resident in NI, is out on the ground engaging with Members and local communities, representing Blesma at events and meetings and running local activities and events to ensure Members stay connected with each other.

The Blesma website can be accessed here <https://blesma.org/>