

Stand by your beds! Scotmid at the ready

The veterans' charity, Erskine, has received a major donation from Scotmid which will make a difference to the lives of their residents in Edinburgh.

The charity, which cares for veterans in Scotland at its residential homes, activity centres and a Veterans' Village, has been boosted with a £50,000 donation, which will be divided between Erskine's East, North and West locations.

A share of the funding will go towards providing 28 new beds in Erskine's Gilmerton home in Edinburgh. The purpose built home provides 24-hour care for 40 members of the ex-Service community with nursing needs as well as those living with dementia.

A spokesperson for Erskine explained the difference this will make: "The new beds will replace the current ones that have been in use since 2000. They'll have a much less clinical feel, with special features such as full-length side rails to provide additional comfort and safety. Quality furnishings are integral in allowing Erskine to cultivate an environment where veterans can relax and really feel at home, whilst accessing the services they require. The Erskine care homes focus on maximising the wellbeing of residents and Scotmid is honoured to be able to play a part in ensuring that this is achieved."

Ian Cumming, Chief Executive at Erskine said: "The support

received previously from Scotmid has been invaluable to the health and wellbeing of the incredible ex-Service men and women we have the privilege of caring for and supporting. We are honoured to be receiving this additional funding, which will help us hugely in improving the quality of our facilities and the rest and respite of our residents.'

Lynne Ogg, Head of Membership & Community Engagement at Scotmid, said: "We have always deeply valued the work that Erskine does for members of our communities who have played a vital role in safeguarding the safety and democracy of our country. We are delighted to give back in this way and make a meaningful difference in their lives today."

Established in 1916, Erskine's mission is "To offer Veterans their best possible future – through the best possible care & community support".

