## <u>News story: London VAPC respond to</u> <u>consultation on homelessness code of</u> <u>guidance</u>

The outcome of a closed government <u>consultation</u> on a proposed homelessness code of guidance for local authorities, is keenly awaited by London Veterans Advisory and Pensions Committee (VAPC).

The VAPC, had previously commissioned an independent review from the <u>University of Kent</u>, on how London's councils implement housing policy affecting veterans, contributed to the consultation.

It welcomed that guidance on dealing with veterans now forms a separate section within the proposed code.

But London VAPC chairman Lynn Verity suggested there were several areas where further clarification was vital:

Chief among these are that the code as currently written does not define either 'veteran' or 'vulnerable'. We have pointed this out and, therefore, hope our concerns are acted upon.