

# News story: Headley Court team leading ground breaking hip pain research

The Military Hip Rehabilitation Outcome (MILO) study is funded with a grant from Arthritis Research UK and brings together university academics, industry partners and MOD collaborators to investigate issues surrounding the risk factors and treatment of hip pain in the armed forces.

Little is currently known about the causes of hip pain in military personnel and the evidence supporting popular treatment options is inconclusive. The MILO research programme consists of 2 separate studies.

Study 1 will compare the effects of a residential rehabilitation programme with conventional out patient care and

Study 2 will examine the occupational risk-factors for hip pain in UK military personnel.

Commenting on the importance of this programme the Director of Defence Rehabilitation, Col John Etherington said:

Musculoskeletal injuries (MSKI) are a major problem affecting the health and operational readiness of our personnel. We know that approximately 19% of the trained UK armed forces on strength currently have a diagnosed MSKI with army personnel the most likely to be medically downgraded.

Along with several other programmes, this research is essential to ensure our people receive the right treatment for their hip pain at the right time. Crucially, the results will also allow us to exploit initiatives that could prevent the development of the condition in currently serving and future generations of military personnel.

Gp Capt Alex Bennett the Head of Research at Headley Court who leads the study group explained how determining the causes and optimal treatment for hip pain has important implications for young physically active military personnel:

The first step to delaying or preventing the development of hip pain is to determine the causes. The MILO study will look at the role of occupational physical activity as a potential cause of hip pain and may open the door to preventing hip damage.

We are also conducting the first study evaluating in-patient versus out-patient treatment options in young active adults with hip pain. The results will provide evidence to inform clinical practice and

ensure military personnel receive the most effective available treatment. This vital research will greatly improve our understanding of hip pain in the UK military context

A dedicated MILO study clinic has been established at Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre (DMRC) Headley Court. Anyone with questions about the research programme should email Mr Russ Coppack at [dmrc-clinicalresearchmanager@mod.uk](mailto:dmrc-clinicalresearchmanager@mod.uk) or phone 01372 947 103.

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## **New bilingually produced thriller set to provide £4m economic boost**

Part funded through the Welsh Government's Media Investment Budget, which is advised by Pinewood Pictures the series has been jointly commissioned by S4C and BBC Wales.

The eight part returnable series will film back to back in English and Welsh in the same way as the hugely successful Y Gwyll/ Hinterland.

Economy Secretary Ken Skates said:

"This is another great project that is not only being filmed in Wales but also set in Wales with funding support from our Media Investment Budget. It will provide great opportunities for Welsh crews, facilities companies and local suppliers and provide a significant boost to local economies.

"The past five years have seen Wales become one of the most successful areas in the UK for high end television drama, and I am delighted that Un Bore Mercher/Keeping Faith has joined the growing showreel of made-in-Wales drama productions."

This latest high end drama from Vox Pictures is co-written by Matthew Hall ( New Street Law, Blue Murder) and adapted into Welsh by Anwen Huws (Gwaith Cartref, Pobol y Cwm). It stars Eve Myles (Torchwood, Broadchurch and Victoria) in the lead character Faith.

The series tells the story of lawyer, wife and mother Faith (Myles) as she fights to find the truth behind the sudden disappearance of her husband. She comes to discover that her beautiful, idyllic home town in West Wales harbours many dark secrets that threaten the lives of Faith and her family.

Director is Pip Broughton (Under Milk Wood and Aberfan, The Green Hollow) who is co-producing with Nora Ostler (Gwaith Cartref, Y Gwyll/Hinterland) for Vox

Pictures. Executive Producers are Gwawr Martha Lloyd (S4C) Maggie Russell (BBC Wales) and Adrian Bate for Vox Pictures.

Filmed on location in the Vale of Glamorgan, Carmarthenshire, Laugharne and in Pencoed studios, this new and distinctive series will premiere this autumn in Welsh as Un Bore Mercher on S4C followed by the English language version, Keeping Faith on BBC One Wales early next year.

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## **Grammar schools will do nothing to help the overwhelming majority of working families across the country – Angela Rayner**

**Angela**

**Rayner MP, Labour's Shadow Education Secretary**, commenting on Justine Greening's plan for a 'new generation' of grammar schools, said:

"The facts are clear, grammar schools will do nothing to help the overwhelming majority of working families across the country.

"The Government's attempt to fiddle the figures to support their discredited and divisive policy does not change the basic reality that for the overwhelming majority, academic selection is a barrier to social mobility, and the Government's plans to return to the days of secondary moderns will only make this worse.

"While the Government only look to improve the educations of a privileged few, Labour will improve outcomes for all by delivering free school meals to every primary school pupil in England."

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# SNP response to EU 50 letter

Below is the letter sent on behalf of the SNP Group in the Scottish Parliament in response to 50 European politicians who expressed support for Scotland's place in Europe. [You can read the original letter here.](#)

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## School defect revelations 'deeply worrying'

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A BBC investigation that has found that at least 71 schools in Scotland were found to have defects similar to those found in Edinburgh has been described as 'deeply worrying' by the Scottish Conservatives.

17 schools in Edinburgh were shut after a wall collapsed at Oxbgangs Primary School last year, and since then 15 local authorities have carried out work to deal with similar defects.

However, eleven local authority areas admitted that they had not done intrusive surveys that the report into the Edinburgh schools said was necessary to uncover problems. Shadow education secretary Liz Smith described this as 'totally unacceptable' and called on the Scottish Government to do more to ensure that councils carry out their statutory obligations to check school buildings.

**Scottish Conservative shadow education secretary Liz Smith MSP said:**

"These revelations are deeply worrying for all parents who are about to send their children back to school after the Easter break and for all pupils and staff who work in our schools.

"The fact that 11 local authorities have not undertaken the detailed building surveys which were recommended in the Edinburgh schools report is totally unacceptable.

"It lays bare the fact that the Scottish Government has not done nearly

enough to check that all local authorities are carrying out their statutory obligations to check school buildings.

“Nothing is more important than public safety so it is now imperative that all local authorities carry out these checks immediately.

“The Scottish Conservatives have long argued that there should be no scope to make short cuts on these statutory checks undertaken by local authorities and contractors, and that confirmation of the checks should be made available at the same time as a school is inspected by HMIe so that parents, staff and pupils can be confident that their school is wholly fit for purpose.”

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