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WHO ARE THE CONFIRMED SPEAKERS?



General, The Lord Rambotham.

David Ramsbotham is a former General of the British Army and has served in Germany, Kenya, Honk Kong, Borneo, Northern Ireland and Gibraltar. Since retirement he has worked with the UN and World Bank on post-conflict reconstruction and for six years was HM chief inspector of prisons for England and Wales. He was made a Crossbench peer in 2005. He is the President of VIPA



Simon Weston OBE

Simon Weston was a soldier in the Welsh Guards regiment who fought in the Falklands War (1982). He was severely burned when the HMS Sir Galahad was hit by Argentine missiles. He sustained disfiguring burns to his face and hands, and unseen psychological scars as well. His charity "Weston Spirit" tackles issues of social exclusion in young people, he was awarded an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours in June 1992. He is the Patron of VIPA



Nick Hardwick CBE

Nick Hardwick was born in London in July 1957, he graduated with a BA English Literature from Hull University in 1979, a year later he joined the National Association for the Care of Resettlement of Offenders and in 1986 became Chief Executive of Centrepont. In 1995 Nick became Chief executive of the Refugee Council, in 2002 he was appointed the first chairman of the Independent Police Complaints Commission and in 2010 he was appointed as HM Chief Inspector of Prisons.



Joe Glenton

Joe Glenton was a Lance Corporal in the Royal Logistics Corps, he joined the Army in 2004 but absconded in 2007 after serving in Afghanistan. A court martial heard that Joe had suffered from post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) after his first tour of duty, he told the Court he tried to pursue his mental health problems through official channels but was ignored: "I was basically turned away and called a coward and malinger."

He was sentenced to nine months in prison and was released in July 2010.

Joe is now a student at Leeds University.



Michael Spurr

Michael Spurr is Chief Executive Officer of the National Offender Management Service. Michael joined the civil service as a prison officer at Leeds prison in 1983 and worked in the Prison Service for 25 years at various establishments and at headquarters. He was a Governing Governor at Aylesbury young offender institution, Wayland prison and Norwich prison and YOI. Michael joined the Prison Service Agency Board as Director of Operations in 2003, becoming Deputy Director General in 2007.

In April 2008, Michael was appointed as the Chief Operations Officer in the newly-formed NOMS agency, taking responsibility for the operational management of probation and prisons, and leading the work to improve joined-up working and to create probation trusts.



Lars Davidsson

Dr Lars Davidsson is an independent Consultant Psychiatrist practising in London and Essex, he offers an evidence-based, pragmatic approach in order to help clients quickly and efficiently by combining treatments such as medication and cognitive behaviour therapy, specialising in mental health and psychiatric conditions such as anger management, anxiety phobias, bipolar disorder, depression, alcohol abuse, eating disorders and adult ADHD. Lars appeared for the Defence in the Court Martial of Joe Glenton.



Major General Robin Short

Robin Short, CB MBChB FRCS (Glas), is the former British Army Surgeon General, and Director General of British Army Medical Services 1996-1999. He has experience of Brigade, Divisional and Corps level medical administration and command. Robin was the lead Medical planner in Ministry of Defence during the Gulf War deployment, as well as for operations to Angola and Rwanda.

Dr. Short was Chairman, NATO General Medical Committee and also NBC Medical Committee, as well as member of the NATO Civil Military Planning Committee from 1988 to 1994. He was Chief Instructor at the Royal Army Medical Corps Training Centre from 1986 to 1988. Dr. Short is a long time supporter of common treatment regimens, and he hit the headlines in 2002 when he announced he was willing to give evidence against the Ministry of Defence on behalf of hundreds of veterans who said they were suffering from PTSD.

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