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Lieutenant General Sir Andrew Gregory appointed as Controller, SSAFA, the Armed Forces charity

SSAFA, the Armed Forces charity, is delighted to announce that Lt Gen Sir Andrew Gregory KBE CB has been appointed as Controller (Chief Executive). Sir Andrew will join SSAFA on 30 August 2016.

Sir Andrew retired from the British Army in April 2016 after thirty five year's service, most recently as Chief of Defence People at the Ministry of Defence. He was previously Director General Personnel and Military Secretary and served in a range of command and staff roles in Germany, Northern Ireland and the Balkans. He was Deputy Commander of 1st (United Kingdom) Armoured Division during the invasion of Iraq in 2003.

Sir Andrew succeeds Air Vice-Marshal David Murray who has been appointed as Controller of the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund.

Commenting on his appointment, Sir Andrew said:

"I am thrilled to have been appointed as Controller of SSAFA, which has, for over 130 years, supported service personnel, veterans and their families. Having assisted over 61,000 people last year, through the efforts of its committed employees and 7,000 dedicated volunteers, I look forward to taking on the excellent work of my predecessor, David Murray, to whom I pay great tribute."

Sir Kevin O'Donoghue, Chairman of SSAFA, said:

"We are delighted that Sir Andrew has chosen to join SSAFA to lead the organisation through the next stage of its development. His diverse experience is ideally suited to ensuring that SSAFA continues to provide essential support to the Armed Forces community and is able to respond to its changing needs."

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Notes to Editor:

SSAFA, the Armed Forces charity (formerly known as the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen & Families Association), provides lifelong support to anyone who is currently serving or has ever served in the Royal Navy, British Army or Royal Air Force including reservists, and their families.

In 2015, our professional staff and network of more than 7,000 volunteers helped 61,000 people, ranging from World War Two veterans to the families of young servicemen and women wounded or killed in Afghanistan.

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