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To all members of the Royal Army Medical Corps, Royal Army Dental Corps and Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps families,

Many of you will have heard the news, announced in Parliament on 15 October 2024, that the Royal Army Medical Corps, the Royal Army Dental Corps and the Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps will be joining together to become the Royal Army Medical Service (RAMS).

This amalgamation enables an organisational and cultural shift to a unified, inclusive, and representative corps, which maximises the talents of its people to enhance our fighting power. This removes historical barriers that were right at the time but are no longer appropriate for modern multi-disciplinary working and career development. I strongly believe this offers more flexibility and ultimately greater clinical effectiveness in support of operations. From an administrative perspective this strengthens the ability of your Regimental Headquarters to support us all through recruitment, service and into life as a veteran.

As we move forward, the evidence from Project VICTORIA has given us clear areas to build on. You have confirmed it is your professional output that makes you feel most proud, and it is your profession or trade that you consider most when you enter Service. This will not change. What will change is your employment and deployment being much more about skills and competencies than it is about historical labels, thereby giving individuals the opportunity to develop and practice to the maximum extent allowed by their professional license.

His Majesty The King approved the amalgamation on 9 May 24 and a formation parade, in the presence of the Chief of the General Staff, will take place at our Regimental Headquarters at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst on 15 Nov 24. The parade will be in the new RAMS dress and accoutrements. Further information on all elements of the new Corps will be promulgated by your Regimental Headquarters over the coming weeks.

Uniforms will change and the Regimental support from our Corps Headquarters will improve. We will build on the heritage of the forming Corps as we seek to learn from our past. We will continue to deliver high quality healthcare at home and deployed. And, we stand ready for the challenges of tomorrow. Thank you for your past, present and future service.