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Dear Subscriber,

I am writing, as promised in my last editorial, to keep you informed about the future of the *JRNMS*. At a meeting of the Editorial Board on 13 Nov 2019, it was decided that the Winter 2019 issue of the Journal will be the last of its current iteration.

A new, tri-service military medical journal, *BMJ Military Health*, will be produced from the start of 2020. We hope that many of our subscribers will choose to subscribe to the new journal, but it will be an individual decision to do so. We are currently trying to negotiate a one year subscription to the new journal for all *JRNMS* subscribers, free of cost to you. There are elements of the *JRNMS* that we wish to preserve, and we are negotiating a way that we can achieve this. The whole archive of the Journal will still be available, with hopefully improved indexing and accessibility. A supplement or newsletter may include Service News, a Red List, an obituary section, and other articles of interest that might not be suitable for publication in the main *BMJ Military Health*. We encourage all authors to consider submitting original articles and review articles to the new journal.

No further standing orders or direct debits will be collected by our bank. Payments due in January 2020 and subsequent months will be returned to the originator, but you may wish to cancel the standing order with your bank. Direct debits due on 1 Feb 2020 will be cancelled by us. If you have any concerns about your current subscription, please contact our treasurer at the email address above.

It has been an honour to serve you by editing this Journal, now in its 105<sup>th</sup> year. However, I am convinced that it is time to move forwards while remembering and preserving our past. I will do my utmost to ensure a smooth transition for all of our subscribers, and hope that you will support the new journal as you have this one.

Yours,

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