




## Karimia Mosque and Institute

We, the undersigned, commit to honour the Armed Forces Covenant and support the Armed Forces Community. We recognise the value Serving Personnel, both Regular and Reservists, Veterans and military families contribute to our community and our country.

Signed on behalf of:  
**Karimia Mosque and Institute**

Signed: 

Name: Dr Musharraf Hussain OBE DL

Position: Chief Imam and CEO

Date: 13 December 2016

Signed on behalf of:  
**Ministry of Defence**

Signed: 

Name: Mark Lancaster TD MP

Position: Minister for Defence Veterans, Reserves and Personnel



# The Armed Forces Covenant

An Enduring Covenant Between

The People of the United Kingdom

Her Majesty's Government

– and –

All those who serve or have served in the Armed Forces of the Crown

And their Families

The first duty of Government is the defence of the realm. Our Armed Forces fulfil that responsibility on behalf of the Government, sacrificing some civilian freedoms, facing danger and, sometimes, suffering serious injury or death as a result of their duty. Families also play a vital role in supporting the operational effectiveness of our Armed Forces. In return, the whole nation has a moral obligation to the members of the Naval Service, the Army and the Royal Air Force, together with their families. They deserve our respect and support, and fair treatment.

Those who serve in the Armed Forces, whether Regular or Reserve, those who have served in the past, and their families, should face no disadvantage compared to other citizens in the provision of public and commercial services. Special consideration is appropriate in some cases, especially for those who have given most such as the injured and the bereaved.

This obligation involves the whole of society: it includes voluntary and charitable bodies, private organisations, and the actions of individuals in supporting the Armed Forces. Recognising those who have performed military duty unites the country and demonstrates the value of their contribution. This has no greater expression than in upholding this Covenant.

## Section 1: Principles of the Armed Forces Covenant

1.1 **The Karimia Mosque and Institute** will endeavour to uphold the following key principle of the Armed Forces Covenant:

- *all those who serve or have served in the Armed Forces of the Crown, and their families, deserve our respect, support, and fair treatment.*

## Section 2: Demonstrating our Commitment

2.1 We will seek to demonstrate our commitment to the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant, by:

- *promoting the fact that we are an armed forces-friendly organisation;*
- *seeking to encourage and support members of our community who choose a career in the Armed Forces; and their families;*
- *linking Muslim Service personnel and their families moving into an area on assignment with local Muslim communities;*
- *engaging with military units and commanding officers to offer expertise, either for advice and guidance on supporting Muslim personnel or for wider education and awareness;*
- *engaging with other community groups and local authorities to promote understanding of and support for the Armed Forces community;*
- *aiming to participate actively in Armed Forces Day;*

2.2 We will publicise these commitments through our literature and on our website, setting out how we will seek to honour them and inviting feedback on how we are doing.