



Corporate Covenant

The Armed Forces Corporate Covenant

Greenwich Hospital

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 business and our country.

Signed on behalf of Greenwich Hospital

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hugh Player".

Name: Hugh Player
Position Held: Director Greenwich Hospital
Date: 11 September 2014



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Supporting the Royal Navy since 1694

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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.

Principles of The Armed Forces Corporate Covenant

We, Greenwich Hospital, specifically with regard to the Naval Service, will endeavour in our business dealings to uphold the key principles of the Armed Forces Covenant, which are:

no member of the Armed Forces Community should face disadvantage in the provision of public and commercial services compared to any other citizen

in some circumstances, special treatment may be appropriate especially for the injured or bereaved.

Demonstrating our Commitment

Greenwich Hospital commenced its unique Crown charitable status with the Royal Charter of William and Mary dated 25 October 1694 when it was established as the Royal Hospital for Seamen - a home for retired seamen of the Royal Navy, and to provide support for seamen's widows and education for their children, and the improvement of navigation. Greenwich Hospital is governed also by the Greenwich Hospital Acts 1865 to 1996, which have been passed over the years to reflect changing social circumstances and the evolution of the objects of the Hospital.

To this end Greenwich Hospital upholds the spirit of the Armed Forces Covenant by providing:

- **A Safe Haven**
Sheltered accommodation for former Naval Service personnel and their spouses, widows or widowers, at sheltered housing schemes in Greenwich, Portsmouth and Saltash. Greenwich Hospital is assisted in this capacity by Church of England Soldiers' Sailors' and Airmen's Clubs (CESSAC) who run the three schemes on behalf of GH.
- **Education**
Greenwich Hospital provides charitable education at The Royal Hospital School for children of serving or retired Naval Service personnel, particularly where there is demonstrable charitable need. With the School roll on average of 700 pupils, Greenwich Hospital provides funding for approximately 150 pupils.

Greenwich Hospital provides educational grants to students with Naval eligibility at the University of Greenwich and the Greenwich Maritime Institute as well as assisting retired Naval personnel by funding training to further their careers.
- **Grant Making**
Greenwich Hospital provides substantial funding via the Royal Naval and Royal Marines Charity (RNRMC) which exists to provide benevolence and a better quality of life for serving and former Naval Service personnel and their families. These services include the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, QARNNS, RFA, and WRNS.

Greenwich Hospital's grant making support covers the following broad areas:

- Children's SEN support
- Pastoral care
- Palliative care
- Dementia care
- Sea Cadets infrastructure
- Transition, resettlement and rehabilitation

In total Greenwich Hospital helps some 25,000 serving and retired Naval Service personnel annually.

- Visibility
Greenwich Hospital publicises these commitments through our literature and on our website, setting out how we honour them and inviting feedback from the Naval community about how we are doing.