



Lighthouse Therapy Group

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:

Lighthouse Therapy Group

Signed: _____

Position: C.E.O

Date: 18 August 2018

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 We **Lighthouse Therapy Group** 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.*

Section 2: Demonstrating our Commitment

2.1 **Lighthouse Therapy Group** recognises the value serving personnel, reservists, veterans and military families bring to our business. We will seek to uphold the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant, by:

- *promoting the fact that we are an armed forces-friendly organisation;*
 - *promoting through company website, social media and blogging.*
- *striving to support the employment of Service spouses and partners;*
 - *Working in conjunction with other organisations who are also members of the armed forces covenant to assist in the mental well-being of armed forces veterans and families.*
- *offering support to our local cadet units, either in our local community or in local schools, where possible;*
 - *We aim to offer counselling and mental health workshops to local cadet forces*
- *aiming to actively participate in Armed Forces Day;*
 - *We will be participating in Armed Forces Day in conjunction with other veteran's specific organisations.*
- *offering a discount to members of the Armed Forces Community;*
 - *We offer a standard reduced rate for all the Armed Forces Community and their families.*
- *any additional commitments **Lighthouse Therapy Group** could make (based on local circumstances).*

- *Lighthouse Therapy Group will ensure that all Armed Forces Veterans and their families will wait no longer than 2 weeks from the point of referral for counselling to begin.*
- *Lighthouse Therapy Group will openly engage with local authorities to gain increased mental health funding for all Armed Forces Veterans and their families.*

2.2 We will publicise these commitments through our literature and/or on our website, setting out how we will seek to honour them and inviting feedback from the Service community and our customers on how we are doing.