



## **AN ARMED FORCES COVENANT**

BETWEEN

LEICESTER, LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND  
INTEGRATED CARE SYSTEM

AND

THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY IN  
LEICESTER, LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND

**We, the undersigned, agree to work and act together to  
honour the Armed Forces Covenant.**

## Signatories


Signed: 

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Position Held: CO Defence Animal Centre.

**Signed on behalf of the Armed Forces  
Community**

Date: 16 August 2021

Signed: 

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Position Held: Chairman

**Signed on behalf of the Leicester,  
Leicestershire and Rutland  
Integrated Care System**

Date: 16 August 2021

## **SECTION 1: PARTICIPANTS**

1.1 This Armed Forces Covenant is made between:

The serving and former members of the Armed Forces and their families working and residing in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

and

The Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Integrated Care System.

## **SECTION 2: PRINCIPLES OF THE ARMED FORCES COVENANT**

2.1 The Armed Forces Covenant is a voluntary statement of mutual support between a civilian community and its local Armed Forces Community. This Covenant encompasses the moral obligation between the Nation, the Government and the Armed Forces, at the local level.

2.1 The Armed Forces Covenant is based upon two key principles:

The Armed Forces community should not face 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.

2.3 The purpose of this Covenant is to encourage support for the Armed Forces Community working and residing in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland and to recognise and remember the sacrifices made by members of this Armed Forces Community, particularly those who have given the most. This includes in-Service and ex-Service personnel their families and widow(er)s in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

2.4 For the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Integrated Care System and partner organisations, the Covenant presents an opportunity to bring their knowledge, experience and expertise to bear on the provision of help and advice to members of the Armed Forces Community. It also presents an opportunity to build upon existing good work on other initiatives such as the Welfare Pathway.

2.5 For the Armed Forces community, the Covenant encourages the integration of Service life into civilian life and encourages members of the Armed Forces community to help their local community.

## SECTION 3: OBJECTIVES AND GENERAL INTENTIONS

### Aims of the Covenant

3.1 The Armed Forces Covenant defines the enduring, general principles that should govern the relationship between the Nation, the Government and the Armed Forces community.

3.2 It aims to encourage all parties within a community to offer support to the local Armed Forces community and make it easier for Service personnel, families and veterans to access the help and support available from the MOD, from statutory providers and from the Charitable and Voluntary Sector. These organisations already work together in partnership at local level.

3.3 The scheme is intended to be a two-way arrangement and the Armed Forces community are encouraged to do as much as they can to support their community and promote activity which integrates the Service community into civilian life.

## SECTION 4: MEASURES

4.1 The Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Integrated Care System makes the following commitments to the Armed Forces Community:

- The Armed Forces Community **should not face disadvantage** compared to other citizens in the provision of health and social care.
- Those injured in service should be cared for in a way which reflects the nation's **moral obligation** to them, by health and care professionals who have an **understanding of the Armed Forces culture**.
- **Special consideration** is appropriate in some cases, especially for those who have given most, such as the **injured and the bereaved**.
- Service Family Members should **retain their place on any NHS waiting list**, if moved for Service reasons.
- Veterans should **receive priority treatment** for a condition which relates to their service, **subject to clinical need**
- As employers the LLR ICS partners will seek to support the employment of veterans and Service spouses and partners, and employees who choose to be members of Reserve Forces by:
  - ❖ seeking to support the employment of veterans young and old
  - ❖ striving to support the employment of Service spouses and partners
  - ❖ endeavouring to offer a degree of flexibility in granting leave for Service spouses and partners before, during and after a partner's deployment where possible
  - ❖ seeking to support our employees who choose to be members of the Reserve Forces, including by accommodating their training and deployment where possible
  - ❖ Working with cadet organisations and seeking to support cadet force organisations

- LLR ICS will nominate a member of the Board to act as an Armed Forces Champion, to ensure that engagement is embedded at the highest level and ensure the ICS delivers on its commitment to the Armed Forces.
- Through our partnership we will co-ordinate and improve services to our Armed Forces community

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# 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.