



Mesothelioma UK

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:

Mesothelioma UK

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MESOTHELIOMA UK
Supporting People With This Asbestos Cancer

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, **Mesothelioma UK**, 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 We recognise the value serving personnel, reservists, veterans and military families bring to businesses and to the country. We will aim to uphold the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant, by seeking to:

- Promote the fact that we are an **Armed Forces-friendly organisation**, to our staff, customers, suppliers, contractors and wider public.
- Support **national events** such as Armed Forces Day, Reserves Day, the Poppy Appeal Day and Remembrance activities;
- Engage with the Armed Forces community including all relevant non-profit organisations.
- Ensure the charity includes Armed Forces personnel strategically in the management and leadership of Mesothelioma UK.
- Ensure all patients attending our clinics are asked if they have ever served in the Armed Forces. Service will be acknowledged and permission sought to record this in the patient health record.
- All members of the UK clinical and benefits advice team will be trained in Armed Forces communication.
- Mesothelioma UK will raise the profile and normalise the inclusion of the Armed Forces at clinical conferences, professional publications and in all education events.
- Undertake robust research to better understand the incidence and impact of Mesothelioma amongst our armed forces and veterans.
- All Armed Forces personnel and veterans diagnosed with Mesothelioma will be:-
 - Referred to specialist Armed Forces Benefits advice services.
 - Provided with Mesothelioma UK Armed Forces Information
 - Offered referral to wider Armed Forces support and information services.

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