




Rotherham Military Community Veterans Centre

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:
Ministry of Defence

Signed: 

Name: Major A Hunt DL REME

Position: Officer Commanding 146 Divisional
Support Company, 102 Battalion REME

Date: 20th December 2019

Signed on behalf of:
Rotherham MCVC

Signed: 

Name: Lt Col (Ret'd) RA McPherson MBE

Position: MCVC Chairman of the Trustees'

Date: 20th December 2019

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 Rotherham MCVV 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 Rotherham MCVV 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;*
- *providing an information service to help all serving and ex-service military personnel and their families who are based in Rotherham and its surrounding towns and villages;*
- *offering friendly help and advice to serving and ex-service military personnel on a wide range of issues such as healthcare, housing, employment, benefits and general comradeship for those who are feeling isolated.*
- *seeking to support our members who choose to be members of the Reserve forces;*
- *offering support to our local cadet units, either in our local community or in local schools, where possible;*
- *aiming to actively participate in Armed Forces Day;*
- *providing Outreach Support and a voice for veterans across the region through increasing awareness of services available to them by means of the Military Community Veterans Centre Outreach Van and Trailer.*
- *providing information to partnership bodies and support their activities to ensure the needs and aspirations of veterans are reflected in strategies, commissioning plans and activities.*
- *providing Drop-in and a safe place for our veterans and families to meet on a weekly basis to encourage comradeship*
- *providing a biweekly social Breakfast Club whereas we meet and engage with veterans, serving members of HM Armed Forces and enjoy breakfast together.*

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.