

Caretech UK Ltd

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: Caretech UK Ltd

Company Name

Signed:

Name: Antony P Mears

Position: Managing Director

Date: 1st July 2025



The Armed Forces Covenant

An Enduring Covenant Between

The People of the United Kingdom His 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 **Caretech UK Ltd** 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 our business and to our country. We will seek to uphold the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant, by:
 - **Promoting the Armed Forces:** promoting the fact that we are an Armed Forces-friendly organisation, to our staff, customers, suppliers, contractors and wider public.
 - Veterans: supporting the employment of veterans, recognising military skills and qualifications in our recruitment and selection process; working with the Career Transition Partnership (CTP) to support the employment of Service leavers;
 - **Service Spouses & Partners:** supporting the employment of Service spouses and partners; partnering with the <u>Forces Families Jobs Forum</u>; and providing flexibility in granting leave for Service spouses and partners before, during and after a partner's deployment.
 - Reserves: supporting our employees who are members of the Reserve Forces; granting additional
 paid/unpaid leave for annual Reserve Forces training; supporting any mobilisations and deployment; actively encouraging members of staff to become Reservists;
 - Cadet Organisations: supporting our employees who are volunteer leaders in military cadet organisations, granting additional leave to attend annual training camps and courses; actively encouraging members of staff to become volunteer leaders in cadet organisations; supporting local military cadet units; recognising the benefits of employing cadets/ex-cadets within the workforce.
 - **National Events:** supporting Armed Forces Day, Reserves Day, the Poppy Appeal Day and Remembrance activities;
 - Armed Forces Charities: supporting Armed Forces charities with fundraising and supporting staff who volunteer to assist;
 - Commercial Support: offering a discount to members of the Armed Forces community;

- 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.
- Use the **Covenant and Employer Recognition Scheme logos** in your communications and marketing.
- Promote the Armed Forces Covenant, the <u>Defence Employer Recognition Scheme</u> and your support for the Armed Forces Community to your staff, customers/service users, supply chains and the wider public.
- Appoint an Armed Forces Champion within your organisation to act as a focal point for organising and promoting support for the Armed Forces Community.
- Develop relationships and work collaboratively with other organisations supporting the Covenant and the Armed Forces Community in your locality/region.
- Waive **cancellation fees** for utility and other contracts for those posted overseas or to areas outside the service provision.
- Ensure the Armed Forces Community has **fair access** to your services and is not put at a disadvantage by their service, for example as a result of their high mobility.
- As a supplier and maintainer of equipment used by disabled people we will offer discounts on our products.
- Organise, facilitate, promote and/or take part in remembrance and other ceremonial activities.

Currently we have gifted 4 x stairlifts to the RBL Hockley Branch and have a Cadet trainer who has additional leave to support his commitment. We distribute poppies outside local Co Ops. The MD is ex RCT.