

As a member of the Armed Forces community you will have access to local services similar to any other citizen in the local community.

Your local Council can help you access:

- Housing advice – including how to access social housing
- Benefits and welfare advice – including Council Tax payments and reductions
- Sports and activities – including gyms and discounts
- Education and childcare – including how to apply for a school place
- Adult Social Services – including home adaptations
- Family support – including activities, advice and support

Visit your Council website for further information.

If you feel you have been disadvantaged due to your service when accessing any of the above services please contact your local Council.

**WANT TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE COVENANT?**

Visit [www.armedforcescovenant.gov.uk](http://www.armedforcescovenant.gov.uk)

## WEST YORKSHIRE LOCAL AUTHORITIES

For information on each Local Authorities offer search 'Armed Forces' on their website

### BRADFORD

Email: [BDAFCC@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:BDAFCC@bradford.gov.uk)

Web: [www.bradford.gov.uk](http://www.bradford.gov.uk)

### CALDERDALE

Email: [Customer.first@calderdale.gov.uk](mailto:Customer.first@calderdale.gov.uk)

Web: [www.calderdale.gov.uk](http://www.calderdale.gov.uk)

### KIRKLEES

Email: [kafc@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:kafc@kirklees.gov.uk)

Web: [www.kirklees.gov.uk](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk)

### LEEDS

Email: [Armed.Forces@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:Armed.Forces@leeds.gov.uk)

Web: [www.leeds.gov.uk](http://www.leeds.gov.uk)

### WAKEFIELD

Email: [afd@wakefield.gov.uk](mailto:afd@wakefield.gov.uk)

Web: [www.wakefield.gov.uk](http://www.wakefield.gov.uk)



**SUPPORTING OUR  
ARMED FORCES  
COMMUNITY  
WITHIN  
WEST YORKSHIRE**



## WHAT IS THE ARMED FORCES COVENANT?

The Armed Forces Covenant is a promise from the nation ensuring those who serve, or who have served, and their families, face no disadvantage compared to other citizens when accessing public and commercial services.

The Armed Forces Covenant relies on people, communities and businesses to actively support it in order to make a positive difference.

Want to find out more about the Covenant? Visit: [www.armedforcescovenant.gov.uk](http://www.armedforcescovenant.gov.uk)

## WHO ARE OUR ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY?

Regular personnel currently serving; Royal Naval Services, Army and Royal Air Force.

Merchant Navy; served for at least one day on active service.

Reservists; both regular and volunteer.

Ex-serving men and women (veterans); served for at least one day, regular or reservist.

Families; immediate family; spouses civil or other partners, children for whom the veteran or partner are responsible.

Bereaved; immediate family of service personnel or ex-service personnel who have died.

## OUR PARTNERS CAN HELP YOU ACCESS:

### HEALTH SERVICES

[www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

The NHS can help you find a local dentist and doctor's surgery. Non urgent medical advice can be provided by calling NHS 111.

### JOBS AND SKILLS

Your local Jobcentre Plus will be able to support you to access work and develop skills. You can find your local office by calling 0800 055 6688.

### OTHER USEFUL ORGANISATIONS INCLUDE:



**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**  
[www.britishlegion.org.uk/](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/)  
0808 802 8080



**VETERANS GATEWAY**  
[www.veteransgateway.org.uk/](http://www.veteransgateway.org.uk/)  
0808 802 1212



**SSAFA**  
[www.ssafo.org.uk/](http://www.ssafo.org.uk/)  
0800 731 4880



**VETERANS UK**  
[veterans-uk@mod.gov.uk](mailto:veterans-uk@mod.gov.uk)  
0808 191 4218

## HOW BUSINESSES CAN SUPPORT THE COVENANT

Over 3000 businesses in the United Kingdom have pledged their support for the Armed Forces Covenant.

Private, public and voluntary sector organisations of all sizes who wish to demonstrate their support for the Armed Forces community can find out more by visiting:

[www.armedforcescovenant.gov.uk/get-involved](http://www.armedforcescovenant.gov.uk/get-involved)

Examples of business support include:

- promoting the fact you are an Armed Forces-friendly organisation and supporting Armed Forces events and initiatives
- supporting the employment of reservists, veterans and service leavers
- offering flexibility in leave for service spouses and partners before, during and after deployment
- supporting reservist employees, allowing leave for training and deployment
- offering discount to members of the Armed Forces community