



AUCKLAND MEDICAL GROUP

We 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.

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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, Auckland Medical Group will endeavour in our business dealings to uphold the key principles of the Armed Forces Covenant, which are:
- *Members of the Armed Forces Community should not face disadvantages arising from their service in the provision of public and commercial services.*
 - *in some circumstances special treatment may be appropriate especially for the injured or bereaved.*

Section 2: Demonstrating our Commitment

2.1 We recognise the contribution that Service Personnel, reservists, veterans, the cadet movement and military families make to our organisation, our community and to the country. We will seek to uphold the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant by:

- Promoting the Armed Forces:
- Support Veterans to identify their veteran status to the Practice
- Engage members of the Armed Forces Community, veteran, spouse, widow, or child to services that can help. Support and assist to make what matters happen.
- Support members of the Armed Forces community, through our employment process. Without disadvantage or prejudice.
- Support and signpost Veterans and AFC members to engage with local veteran groups, local events.
- Support and signpost veterans and AFC members to access local support for housing through Durham County Councils. Armed Forces Outreach service.