



Veteran Aware Information Leaflet

United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust (ULHT) is proud to be a Veteran Aware healthcare provider.

Please let a member of staff know if you, or your spouse/partner, currently serve or have ever served in the UK armed forces so that we can best support your care needs.

ULHT is a member of the Veterans Covenant Healthcare Alliance, sharing and driving best practice in NHS care for the Armed Forces Community.

The Armed Forces Covenant states that serving personnel, reservists, spouses and dependents should not face disadvantage compared to other citizens when accessing health services.

For example, if you are moving and you are on an NHS waiting list.

Veterans may also be entitled to priority access to NHS care for health conditions associated with their time in service, subject to clinical need.

What you can expect from us:

- We are committed to ensuring no disadvantage and to giving special consideration where appropriate.
- We support the UK Armed Forces Community as an employer.

Here at ULHT we will put you in touch, or refer you, to organisations and services best placed to help with information, advice and support.

Veterans' Gateway

First point of contact for veterans and their families providing information, advice and support. 0808 802 1212 or text 81212 or visit www.veteransgateway.org.uk

SSAFA

Welfare, health and support services, for the UK military's serving personnel, veterans, and their families. 0800 731 4880 or visit www.ssafa.org.uk

Royal British Legion

Welfare, health and support services, for the UK military's serving personnel, veterans, and their families. 0808 802 8080 or visit www.britishlegion.org.uk

NHS Veterans' Trauma Network

Provides specialist care to veterans with physical injuries related to their time in service. www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/armed-forces-community/veterans-service-leavers-non-mobilised-reservists

NHS OP Courage - Veterans' Mental Health and Wellbeing Service

OP Courage is for serving personnel approaching discharge, and for veterans. The service provides a range of treatment, from access to early support, to therapeutic treatment for complex mental health difficulties, and psychological trauma.

For the Midlands area please contact 0300 323 0137 or email mevs.mhm@nhs.net

Website: www.nhs.uk/opcourage

Working for the NHS

The NHS benefits significantly from the skills and experience of the Armed Forces Community, and Veteran Aware organisations support the employment of this community in the NHS.

Find out more about careers in the NHS at www.militarystepintohealth.nhs.uk

ULHT offers the Guaranteed Interview Scheme for those in the Armed Forces Community (Service Leavers, Veterans, Reserves, CFAV and Partners/Spouses of those currently serving in the military) when applying for a role at the Trust.

ULHT is also pledged to the National NHS Step into Health programme, supporting members of the Armed Forces Community (including family members of) with an interest in a career with the NHS.

If you are already working in the NHS, ULHT has an established Armed Forces Staff Network, enabling further discussion and support. Our Trust provides 10 days additional paid leave to staff who are in the Armed Forces Reserves or Cadet Force Adult Volunteer (CFAV).

For more information on the Trust Armed Forces Staff Network please email:

ArmedForcesNetwork@ULH.nhs.uk.

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