



**Are you a
Veteran or
member of the
ex-Armed Forces
community?**

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SUPPORTS ARMED FORCES

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www.armedforcescovenant.gov.uk

The Armed Forces Covenant

The Armed Forces Covenant (<https://www.armedforcescovenant.gov.uk/>) supports serving personnel, service leavers, veterans, and their families. It sets out a number of health commitments for the Armed Forces community and expects the same standard of, and access to healthcare as that received by any other UK citizen.

For example, family members should retain their place on any NHS waiting list if moved around the UK and veterans should receive priority treatment for a condition that relates to their service, subject to clinical need. There are resources to support GP practices.

See guidance on [providing NHS care to veterans, service leavers, and non-mobilised reservists](https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/armed-forces-community/). (<https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/armed-forces-community/>).

Veteran Support Services in Bury

Veterans Hub Cafe

<https://www.buryveteranshubcafe.co.uk/>

Veterans Support Group

St Philips Community Centre, Higher Dean Street, Radcliffe, M26 3TE.

Every Wednesday 9am -1pm and 7-9pm

The Borough of Bury Veterans Association

Fishpool Liberal Club 79, Nelson Street Bury Lancashire BL9 9HX

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Tel: 07434838929

The Military Veterans' Service

Veterans can access the service by visiting

www.penninecare.nhs.uk/military-veterans.

Fusiliers Association - Lancashire (Bury Branch)

First Sunday of every month at 2.30pm

The White Lion, Bolton Street, Bury

Email: midsec@thefusiliers.org.

Veterans Council

The Veterans Council can provide practical advice and guidance for veterans of all ages, backgrounds and military services. The Veterans Council can signpost to a wide variety of organisations, including:

- Housing
- Service Personnel & Veterans Agency

Email: des.white@veteranscouncil.org.uk

How to get the most from your GP

• It is important to register with a GP, rather than wait until you need treatment.

• If you've recently left the forces, it is important to give your GP the paperwork that your military medical centre gave you, including any medical records. This will help to make sure your military health record transfers to your NHS health record. This will also give your GP information on your health and ensure that any ongoing care and treatment is continued.

• Regardless of when you left the military, tell your GP that you've served in the UK Armed Forces. This will help your GP to better understand any military related health conditions that you may have and ensure that you are referred, where appropriate, to dedicated services for veterans.

• You may be worried about sharing information about your time in the Armed Forces. Please note that the NHS is bound by a confidentiality code of practice to ensure GPs, nurses and other people working within the NHS deliver a confidential service bound by law.

List of Veteran friendly GP surgeries in Bury

Fairfax Group Practice

Garden City Medical Centre

Greylands Medical Centre

Huntley Mount Medical Centre

Knowsley Street Medical Centre

Longfield Medical Practice

Mile Lane Health Centre

Monarch Medical Centre

Peel GPs - Palaniappan

Radcliffe Medical Practice

Ramsbottom Health Centre

Ribblesdale Health Centre

Rock Healthcare

St Gabriel's Medical Centre

The Birches Medical Centre

The Elms Medical Centre

Tower Family Practice

Townside Surgery

