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Trust proud to support Armed Forces Community



Above from left to right: Jane McCue (honorary colonel of 254th Medical Regiment), Nick Carver (chief executive) and Lt Col Mary Read (254th Medical Regiment)

Stevenage, UK – 11 February 2019 – The Trust’s chief executive, Nick Carver, signed the Armed Forces Covenant at an event held at the Lister last week, which shows the Trust’s continuing support to the Armed Forces Community. Nick co-signed the Covenant with Lt Col Mary Read, commanding officer of 254th Medical Regiment, and Jane McCue, honorary colonel of 254th Medical Regiment and the Trust’s former medical director.

By signing the Covenant, the Trust has agreed to uphold its key principles, which are:

- That no member of the Armed Forces Community should face disadvantage in the provision of healthcare compared to any other citizen.
- In some circumstances, special treatment may be appropriate, especially for the injured or bereaved.

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Speaking at the event, Nick Carver said:

“The Trust has long supported the Armed Forces, with many reservists, veterans and military spouses and partners working in our hospitals. We are recognised under the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme as a silver award employer and we are aiming to achieve gold this year. By signing the Covenant, we are showing that we greatly value the contribution and sacrifice of our Armed Forces, and that the Trust will continue to provide support to their community.”

Lt Col Mary Read said:

“It is real pleasure to sign this pledge with the East and North Hertfordshire NHS Trust; they have been a partner of the Regiment for many years and are one of our trusted employers. We look forward to continuing to build this valuable relationship.”

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Notes to editors

- The Trust is a silver award holder under the [Defence Employer Recognition Scheme](#). The scheme encompasses bronze, silver and gold awards for employer organisations that pledge, demonstrate or advocate support to defence and the armed forces community, and align their values with the [Armed Forces Covenant](#).
- Lt Col is the rank of lieutenant colonel.

The East and North Hertfordshire NHS Trust

The Trust provides a wide range of acute and tertiary care services from four hospitals, namely the: Lister in Stevenage; New QEII in Welwyn Garden City; Hertford County in Hertford; and the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre in Northwood, Middlesex

For more information about the Trust, go to the [website](#).

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