

Brighton & Hove City Council

Adult Care Services; Care Act 2014

POLICY STATEMENT

IN RESPECT OF THE ARMED FORCES VETERANS AND THE FAMILIES OF ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL

Introduction

This policy statement is intended as supplement to the general requirements that are set out in the regulations and guidance which support the Care Act as well as the Armed Forces Covenant¹.

Core Principles

The core principles which underpin the Armed Forces Covenant which was published in 2011 are as follows:

- **No disadvantage:** no current or former member of the armed forces, or their families, should be at a disadvantage compared to other citizens in the provision of public and commercial services.
- **Special consideration:** special consideration is appropriate in some cases, particularly for those who have been injured or bereaved.

Policy Objectives

Where Adult care services takes action related to the general responsibilities that are placed on it by the Care Act, we will seek to make care and support accessible to armed forces veterans and the family members of armed forces personnel.

Where Adult care services takes action as they relate to needs and financial assessment, care and support planning, meeting needs and review of care and support arrangements we will give consideration to particular factors that are relevant to armed forces veterans and the family members of armed forces personnel.

Where Adult care services takes action as they relate to the completion of needs assessments and commissioning arrangements consideration will be given to specific issues that may adversely affect armed forces veterans and the family members of armed forces personnel.

Where the Adult care services takes action in relation to the monitoring of the implementation of the Care Act, we will endeavour to capture relevant information and if necessary address material problems that come to light.
