



The Covenant Duty

A legal obligation on certain public bodies to **have due regard** to the **principles** of the Armed Forces Covenant when carrying out **certain functions** in **healthcare, housing and education**.

For example: in healthcare, bodies such as the National Health Service dealing with healthcare waiting list policies.

For example: in housing, bodies such as local authorities dealing with the allocation of social housing.

For example: in education, bodies such as schools and academies dealing with the school's admissions criteria.

The bodies subject to the Duty are expected to **consciously consider** the Covenant when **developing, delivering and reviewing policies and decisions** which may impact the **Armed Forces Community**.

It means placing **appropriate weight** on the Covenant principles when all relevant factors are considered.

It does not mean that any particular conclusions have to be reached or specific public service delivery outcomes achieved.