

## Service provider signs the Armed Forces Covenant

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Hard FM service provider [Lorne Stewart Facilities](#), a division of Lorne Stewart PLC, has announced it has signed the [Armed Forces Covenant](#) (AFC).

The Armed Forces Covenant is a commitment from the nation that those who serve or have served, and their families, are respected, supported and treated fairly and not disadvantaged because of their military background. The government is committed to supporting the Armed Forces community by working with a range of partners who have signed the Covenant.

The company reported it has a mission to make FM more accessible and a more attractive career opportunity for ex-service members, tapping into a rich and underutilised talent.

The hard FM service provider will be actively recruiting ex-military personnel where possible. It will aim to also recruit and support the employment of service personnel's spouses and partners. The company holds the belief that engineering and facilities management offer a fabulous career for veterans and the families of serving personnel and has pledged to continue to ensure that the sector is visible and available to all.

Chief executive officer Mark Sutcliffe, former warfare officer in the Royal Navy, wants to open up the world of FM to veterans:

"There is so much untapped potential in ex-service personnel. I fear that the term 'veteran' conjures a vision of someone whose working career has finished. In reality, this couldn't be further from the truth. There are thousands of able, professional and skilled veterans and their families out there who would be a perfect addition to the FM workforce. So many skillsets of the military world are transferable with the right support. By signing the Armed Forces Covenant, Lorne Stewart Facilities is extending a shoulder to lean on

to our ex-military family, we want to show that we recognise their talent and are here to support and integrate that into our business.”