

Service Children's Progression



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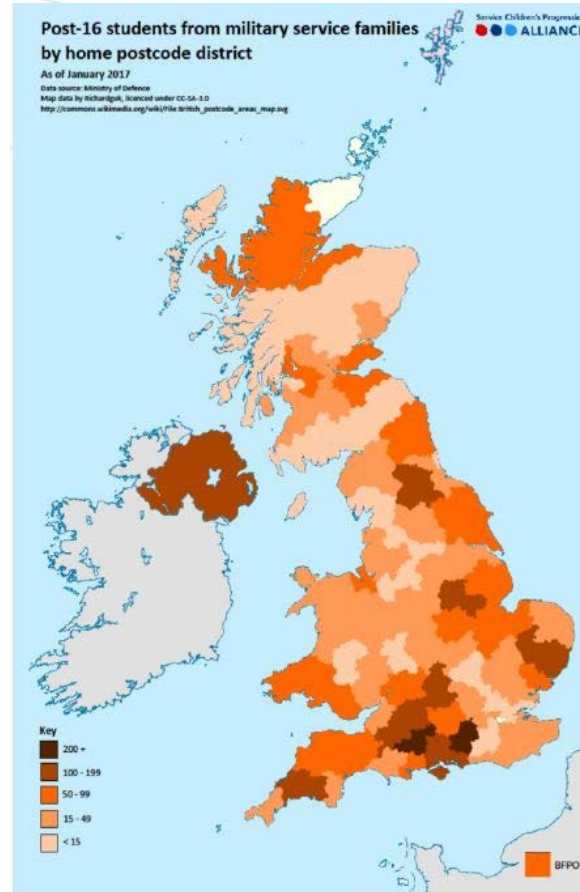
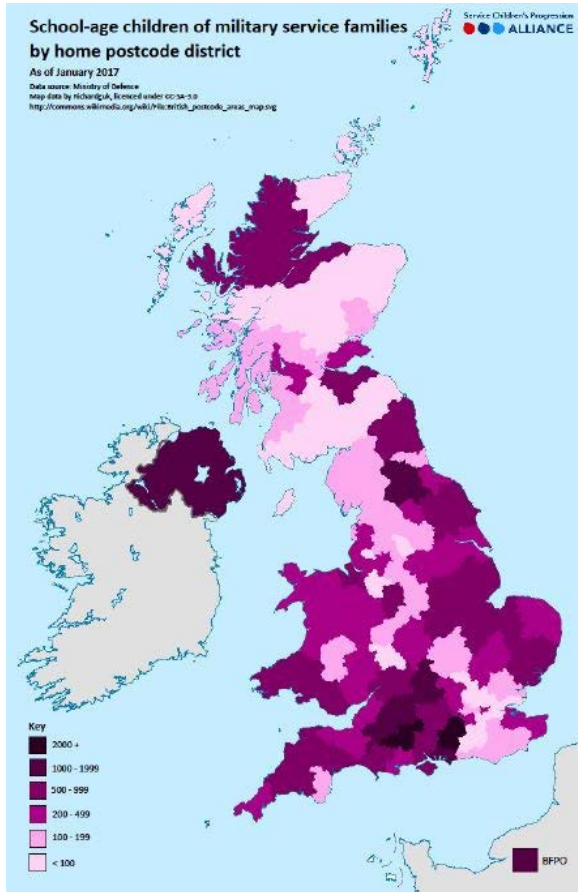
HE Context

- Four out of ten service children who have the ability to progress onto higher education are unlikely to do so.
- Service Children tend to achieve well academically, and some research from University of Winchester shows that they outperform their peers
- Service children are recognised by OfS as underrepresented.

“I went to six different schools, two different colleges and so far, only the one university. I’m hoping to stick to that”

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Where do Military Service Children live?



Characteristics and experiences

- Have a unique lifestyle
- Experience inherent mobility - 'the mobility cycle'
- Endure parental absence for varied, often long periods
- Are adaptable
- Have a strong sense of identity
- Have diverse and varied experiences

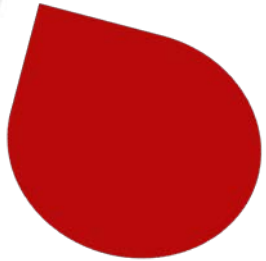
Challenges

- Having to 'step up' in a parent's absence
- Young carers: 'a hidden group within a hidden group'
- Special Education Needs - over 2000 Service Children with SEN on the MOD's Database - 700 on the move each year
- Loss - friendships, home, community, family
- Bereavement and trauma

The SCiP Alliance

- Partnership of organisations focused on improving outcomes for children from military families.
- Funded by the Ministry of Defence (MoD) and led by University of Winchester.





Practice

Develops the network, shares effective practice and creates innovative resource.



Research

Monitoring and tracking, understanding what works, evidencing impact and enhancing practice.



Policy

Develops and leads the delivery of the strategy for achieving the SCiP Alliance mission.

SCiP Alliance aims

- Anyone who works, or may come in contact with Military Service Children are actively engaged with the Alliance and are actively championing the progression of children of military personnel.
- The SCiP Alliance website is the 'go to' source of information and support for all practitioners working with Military Service Children.
- Military Service Children are included in the basket of indicators targeted by HE/FE providers.
- Research is supported and translated into carefully evaluated practice

Highlights

- Office for Students have confirmed Military Service Children as a target group
- Working with UCAS to support applications to university
- Creative Forces Days – universities in North Yorkshire offering campus visits to local Military Service Children
- NCOP/SCiP collaboration project – producing framework and guidance for schools

North East and Yorkshire Hub

- A local branch of the SCiP Alliance that supports local issues
- Online networking tool
- Meetings twice a year in a central location
- CPD opportunities
- Join the mailing list for updates and information

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Thank you

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