Service Children's Progression



How to work with universities to improve service children's outcomes

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## SCiP Alliance Discussion Group



How can schools work with Universities to improve children's education and wellbeing?

What does research say about the experiences of Primary and Secondary pupils?

What needs to change to make the system more supportive for you?



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## Creative Forces Days

- Develops aspirations for and awareness of higher education opportunities
- Creates opportunities for reflection on life as a service child
- Builds stronger relationships between service children (and their peers)
- CPD for staff on effective support for service children
- Service children's 'top tips' for staff on how to support them effectively

## Festival of Friends

- Encourages innovation in support for service children
- Rewards and celebrates effective practice
- Raises awareness and builds engagement between stakeholders
- Research
- Role models









## SCiP Alliance Hubs – Allies in Action

## Local

- Local hubs for local solutions
- Build relationships with key partners
- Share effective practice, common challenges, new ideas, and achievements

## **National**

- Contribute to national priorities and practice
- Influence national (and UK-wide) policy
- Engage in new projects and research



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# What one practical resource / opportunity would make the biggest difference to your ability to effectively support service children's success?





What does research say about the experiences of Primary and Secondary pupils?

## The academic literature tells us:

- Mobile Service children appear to attain less highly than non-mobile Service children, but mobile Service children seem to out-perform their mobile non-service peers.
- Secondary service children are less likely than their non-service peers to feel safe at school or enjoy their lessons.

## Our research with survey children revealed:

- A parent's absence on deployment is considered the biggest challenge by pupils.
- Service children experience greater pressures during post-16 education due to their increased maturity and understanding of their family's situation.

### Our research with schools revealed:

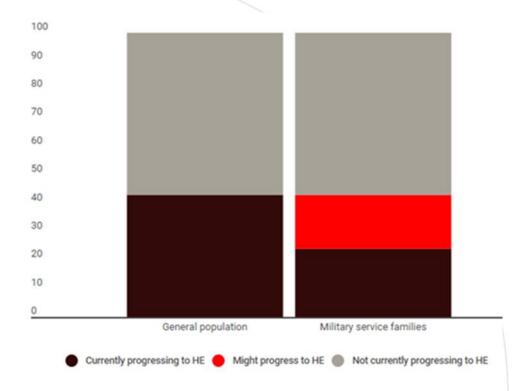
- They are reasonably confident about understanding Service children's challenges,
- Less confident about supporting Service children to address those challenges,
- Even less confident about finding help about supporting Service children.



# Under-representation in Higher Education

It is in the realm of up to 4 out of 10 who, if in the general population would go to university, do not go if they are a service child.

(McCullouch and Hall, 2016)





# What one answered (research) question would make the biggest difference to your ability to effectively support service children's success?



What needs to change to make the system more supportive for you?

# What one system change would make the biggest difference to your ability to effectively support service children's success?

