

SCiP Alliance Hubs

SCiP Alliance Hub network purpose

A SCiP Alliance Hub does together what can't be done alone. The SCiP Alliance Practice Group helps Hubs do things one Hub can't do alone.

This will be achieved by:

1. Helping to connect stakeholders with each other
2. Enabling new and better collaborations to develop
3. Facilitating communication throughout the network
4. Building the capacity and capability of people in the Alliance's hub network
5. Reaching out to new stakeholders, such as schools with only a few Service children

Each SCiP Alliance Hub will:

- Be the principal point of face-to-face engagement with the Alliance for most practitioners
- Connect people in a local areas
- Collaborate to reduce duplication, develop new activity, improve efficiency and effectiveness
- Share and respond collectively to:
 - Effective practice
 - Challenges
 - Ideas
 - Priorities
 - Questions
- Include a 'messages for the Practice Group' item, enabling Hub Leads to easily escalate these to the Practice Group and/or SCiP Alliance Board
- Support Hub members and actively grow engagement (e.g. bringing in outside speakers)
- Equip members to develop their own practice
- Report to central Practice Group meetings at least twice a year
- Be able to use the SCiP Alliance logo and branding

The national Practice Group will:

- Review applications to form SCiP Alliance Hubs
- Support Hub Leads and organise opportunities to share experiences and ideas
- Invite each Hub Lead to report to and feedback from Practice Group meetings
- Provide a mechanism for sharing questions, challenges and successes
- Include a 'messages for Hubs' item, enabling Hub Leads to easily report back to hubs
- Produce a practice group briefing paper at least twice a year summarising the network's key questions and achievements
- List Hub Lead Institutions on the Alliance website and provide an online presence for hubs

- Lead the Alliance's activity in response to Hub's messages by the most appropriate available means (e.g. annual conference inputs, website content, project development, informing Research Group priorities, and more)

SCiP Alliance Hub Framework

This is the framework which defines how hubs operate.

SCiP Alliance Mission

Champion the progression of the children of military personnel, so that they can make informed and confident transitions through further and higher education into thriving adult lives and careers.

Hub Purpose

Work collaboratively to support practitioners and professionals to champion the progression of children and young people from military families and ensure the best outcomes. Ensure the success of the Armed Forces Covenant, a "promise from the nation that those who serve or have served, and their families, are treated fairly".

Lead

The lead institution will convene, guide and support the group's activities, developing relationships and networks and representing the group on the SCiP Alliance Practice Group.

Frequency of meetings

Meetings will be held as required with a minimum of two meetings per academic year.

Membership

Hubs shall set a quorate membership including representatives from stakeholders as locally appropriate such as :

An HE institution

An FE institution

The school sector

A local authority

Members shall faithfully and pro-actively: 1) reflect the perspectives of the group/s, contexts and beneficiaries they represent; 2) contribute to the group in ways that add value to the collective efforts of the hub and the national network

Hub Lead role description

The Lead institution in each Hub will be the recognised lead in the area for work on the progression of Service children and representative of the SCiP Alliance.

The Hub Lead institution will appoint a senior manager to oversee the Hub's development. The functional lead should have full authority to represent the institution and Hub and the time and travel budget to attend meetings of the national practice group. The lead will:

- Convene hub meetings at least twice a year
- Be an initial point of engagement for stakeholders
- Build relationships and ensure appropriate representation
- Lead on developing collaborative projects
- Ensure hub meetings address the following:
 - Practice
 - Challenges
 - Ideas
 - Priorities
 - Questions
- Feedback on the above at national Practice Group meetings
- Report to the Hub on national developments from Practice Group meetings
- Ensure Hub engagement with national Practice Group initiatives as appropriate
- Share meeting minutes and attendance with the network of hubs (via the SCiP Alliance team)