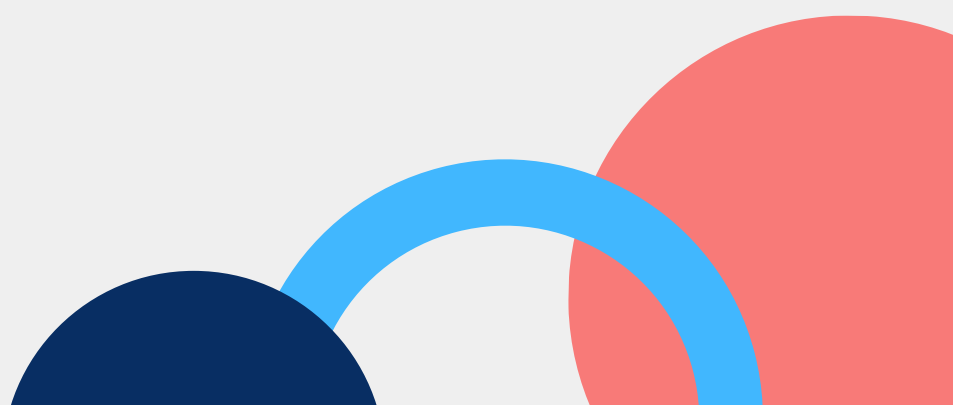




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Service Children's Network

Service Children's Network members are passionate about supporting children and young people from serving, reservist and veteran families across North Yorkshire so that they can realise their true potential and thrive.

Established by Angela Campbell and Jess Greenhalgh, Service Children's Champions for North Yorkshire, the aim of the Network is to engage and support stakeholders in improving outcomes and educational experiences for children and to identify key issues which create barriers to learning, and work collaboratively to overcome them.

The views and unique contributions of young people from Armed Forces families will be sought and valued. If you would like to join our Network please email Jess or Angela.



Meet the Champions

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What about the Service Child...

By Grahame Shepherd MBE and Matt Blyton



- who has attended 7 primary schools by the end of Year 6?
- whose serving parent is away working Monday to Friday?
- who has moved school at the start of Year 10 and the GCSEs available at their new school do not fit with what they were expecting to do?
- who is the only Service Child in a small village Primary School?
- who has both parents in the Armed Forces and who are sometimes posted away at the same time?
- who has a parent who does not speak English at home?
- who is in need of specific support due to SEND needs but just as an EHCP is about to be put in place, moves again within the UK?
- whose parent has been killed in action and has to move out of Service Families Accommodation?
- who has moved from Scotland to England at the age of 4 and found that provision is different. Reception/ Primary 1?
- whose parent is in the Navy and spends 6 months away in a submarine with no contact with home?
- whose parent is in the SAS, so can not tell anybody including the local school?
- and so it goes on....

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The Service Children Champions for North Yorkshire Council will:

- Chair and co-ordinate termly Service Children's Network briefing meetings to facilitate the communication of military, national and local updates.
- Provide termly SCN CPD sessions which will upskill and support 'Service Children Advocates' from schools and other organisations.
- Host face-to-face meetings for Service Children Advocates from schools across North Yorkshire to facilitate good communication between school and sharing of good practise.
- Publish a monthly SCN newsletter which will be sent out to all schools highlighting local and national updates.



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The Service Children Champions for North Yorkshire Council will:

- Support schools in setting up appropriate Service children pastoral support dependent on their individual needs
- Support Service children in schools by facilitating and also training pastoral support staff to deliver:
 1. Well-being Warrior KS1 groups running in 5 week blocks.
 2. 5 Ways-to-Wellbeing KS2 and Secondary groups running in 5 week blocks.
 3. Anxiety workshops – KS2, one whole-class session.
 4. Bespoke whole school assemblies.
- Deliver high-quality CPD in-person or online for schools or outside organisations working with military families. This can be tailored to the individual needs of a school or organisation.
- Deliver workshops for parents and carers of Service children.

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The Service Children Champions for North Yorkshire Council will:

- Organise annual events such as the Annual Service to Remember at Ripon Cathedral, Armed Forces Day for Children and celebrations during the Month of the Military Child.
- Create opportunities for Service children to collaborate or contribute to that will enable them to build a stronger sense of identity and community.
- Giving Service children a voice and an opportunity to feel proud of their Serving parents.
- Advocate on behalf of Service children and their families, raising awareness of the challenges they face and the ways in which they can be supported during their time in North Yorkshire.



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The Service Children Champions for North Yorkshire Council will:

- Use social media effectively to engage with our military community in North Yorkshire.
- Develop a Service Children's Champion Website which will become a vibrant hub of information that can be accessed by families, schools and other organisations.
- Signpost families, schools and colleagues to vital information or organisations that can support them.
- Strengthen links between the Military community, Schools and the Local Authority and ensure the Armed Forces Covenant and MODLAP principles are upheld by colleagues within North Yorkshire Council.



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The Service Children Champions for North Yorkshire Council will:

- Work in collaboration with media outlets, seeking and creating opportunities to raise awareness in the public domain.
- Be involved in wider outreach projects and contribute to policy making decisions within the council in order to improve the experiences and outcomes of Service children in North Yorkshire.
- Provide schools throughout the county with resources that could be used to support their pupils.
- Act as a bridge between schools, the military community and the local authority offering neutral, confidential support outside the chain of command.

We will strive to support the many children, schools and families across North Yorkshire fairly and effectively.



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