Monthly SCC Newsletter

October 2026



Coming soon!

Service Children's Network

Our termly meetings are open to both Headteachers and any other member of staff who act as 'Service Children Advocates' at your school or organisation. Please continue reading to find out what is in store for our Autumn Term meeting!

Social Media

Please follow, like and share our social media accounts.

Champion's message...



Well, what a great way to start a new academic year! I have absolutely loved meeting so many children and schools over the last few weeks. I have been working with the children to the most wonderful self-portraits which will be used to create an exhibtion at Ripon Cathedral in the lead up to the Festival of Remembrance on Monday 9th November.

The Festival of Remembrance is promising to be a very special moment and I am pleased that so many children will be attending on the day with many more watching via the live-stream. The Service Children's Community Choir, Boroughbridge High School, Service Children's Community choir, Richmond Ripon Grammar musicians and Mowbray Primary Academy have all been busy rehearsing their contributions to the Festival. It is always a privilege to sing in such a beautiful place as Ripon Cathedral.

I am also proud to say that our new training programme has been launched on NYES with a series of live webinars scheduled for the Autumn term. We are also developing some on-demand sessions with the help of a Service Children's Champion avatar! Watch this space for further updates or use the clickable links on the next page to book places at this term's webinars.

Thank you for taking the time to read through the newsletter, I hope you find it useful!

Angela

Date for your Diary

Spring Term SCN Meeting
Wednesday 10th February
10am Teams

Autumn Term Training Programme Live Sessions

In the autumn term, we will be delivering all of the modules outlined below as live webinars for those who prefer a more structured learning experience. All sessions will be delivered online. If you or your nominated delegate are unable to attend a live session, a pre-recorded version will be available to access at a time that suits you.

There will be nine sessions in total. Some will be delivered as lunchtime sessions from 12.00pm to 2.00pm, while others will be longer to allow sufficient time to cover the content in depth.

Participants who attend all nine sessions will receive a Certificate of Completion and a specially-designed Service Children's Advocate badge in recognition of their commitment to the programme.

Thursday 1st October 12-2pm - £35
The Impact of Service Life on Children and Young People

Thursday 8st October 1-4pm £65
Supporting Service Children in Your School: From Awareness to Action

Thursday 15th October 12-2pm £35
Making Service Pupil Premium Work

Thursday 22nd October 10-3pm (includes 30 minute lunch break) £55
Service Children Advocate Programme

Thursday 5th November 12-2pm £35
Supporting Children through Deployment and Change

Thursday 12th November 12-2pm £35
Transitions and Mobility: Getting It Right for Service Children

Thursday 19th November 12-2pm £35
Amplifying Pupil Voice: Building Identity and Belonging

Thursday 26th November 1-4pm £65
Train the Trainer: Delivering Wellbeing Support in Your School

Thursday 3rd December 12-2pm £35
Supporting Service Children in Early Years Settings



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Events

Festival of Remembrance 2026

I have already visited a number of schools and delivered Remembrance Art Workshops. My aim was to visit 23 Primary schools and by the end we created self-portraits which will look beautiful in the cathedral. A huge thank you for making me so welcome at your schools. It really is the best part of my job that I get to work with and meet so many wonderful children,

The self-portraits will be displayed at Ripon Cathedral during half-term and untill just after the Festival so that the public can view the art work created. The aim was to show that even though there are portraits on display that this is only a small proportion of the actual population of Service children iin North Yorkshire.

I wanted to say a huge thank you to all of the children and staff for welcoming me into your schools. It has been an absolute joy and privilege to meet so many of you.







Festival of Remembrance

FOR NORTH YORKSHIRE'S
SERVICE CHILDREN



Friday 9th November 2026, 1pm

Updates

Non-Statutory Guidance for Service Pupils in Schools

Published in April 2025 by the Ministry of Defence and Department for Education, this guidance helps schools and local authorities better understand and support Service pupils (Reception to Year 11):

- Mobility and Transitions: Service children often move schools more frequently than their peers. Schools are encouraged to provide personalised transition support, such as buddy systems or welcome packs.
- Emotional Wellbeing: Children may experience family separation due to deployments or training. Schools should be prepared to offer emotional support during these times.
- Service Pupil Premium (SPP): Schools receive additional funding for eligible Service pupils. The guidance outlines how this can be used effectively to support wellbeing and learning.
- Armed Forces Covenant & Admissions Code: The guidance includes statutory information relevant to school admissions and support obligations.

Service Children's Champion

Scan this QR to read the full guidance

Service Pupil Premium Eligibility

Children are eligible for SPP if:

- A parent is serving in the regular armed forces
- A parent is on full-time reserve service
- A parent died in service and the child receives a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or War Pensions Scheme
- A parent is in the armed forces of another nation stationed in England
- The child has been registered as a service child on a school census at any point in the last 6 years ("Ever 6" measure)

For the 2026–2027 academic year, schools receive £360 per eligible pupil.

Useful to know....

HIVE

On behalf of the Chain of Command Army HIVE delivers information support for the whole military community on a wide variety of topics affecting your everyday Service and personal life, including relocation, accommodation, health and wellbeing, childcare and education, employment, finance, deployment, resettlement, and the local area.

The service is free and available wherever you are in the world. HIVE staff can research information on your behalf and are also able to provide confidential signposting to further
sources of support.

If you're considering overseas postings or already at post, the iHIVE (International HIVE) also provides location-specific guides and information. If you're Service Personnel, a partner or wider family member, veteran or MOD civilian, HIVE support is available face-to-face through a worldwide network

For Schools, HIVE can support in terms of a bridge back in to the military - sourcing Unit Welfare Officers where necessary, decoding communications they may receive, and supporting events or assemblies
We can be contacted at RC-Pers-HIVE-Northhub-0mailbox@mod.gov.uk or 07483 427921

AWS

The Army Welfare Service (AWS) is the British Army's specialist welfare organisation, providing professional support to serving personnel and their families in England and around the world. AWS works alongside unit welfare teams, schools, local authorities, health services and community organisations to help families cope with the challenges of military life, including frequent moves, deployment, separation, housing issues and transitions. Its services include personal welfare support, community development, family and youth programmes, educational liaison for Service children, and advice to improve wellbeing and resilience. The overall aim of AWS is to strengthen the welfare of Army personnel and their families, helping them access appropriate support and maintain stable, thriving family lives while serving in the Armed Forces.

ARMY WELFARE SERVICE

NEW ARMY WELFARE SERVICE SPECIALIST WELFARE REFERRAL FORM



THE ARMY WELFARE SERVICE HAS A NEW REFERRAL PROCESS. FROM 3RD FEBRUARY 2026, PLEASE SUBMIT USING THE NEW REFERRAL FORM.

YOU CAN ACCESS THE FORM USING THE QR CODE BELOW.

Armed Forces Helpline

SAFE, CONFIDENTIAL, & FREE

Helpline & Whatsapp

0333 091 2527

A helpline for Royal Naval, British Army, and Royal Air Force personnel and their family members. UK or overseas.

For Victims and Survivors of:

- **Domestic abuse**
- **Sexual violence**
- **Stalking**

AURORA
NEW DAWN

TALK TO US

	Helpline	Whatsapp
Monday	9 A M - 3 P M	
Tuesday	9 A M - 3 P M	9 A M - 3 P M
Wednesday	9 A M - 3 P M	5 P M - 8 P M
Thursday	9 A M - 3 P M	5 P M - 8 P M
Friday	9 A M - 3 P M	
Sunday		10 A M - 2 P M

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Updates

Families Hub Information Portal

The MOD Families Hub is a digital information and signposting service designed for all Armed Forces personnel (Regular and Reserve) and their families, supporting them from the point of joining the military through to transition into civilian life. It acts as a "one-stop shop", bringing together guidance, policies, support organisations and practical information on key aspects of Service family life,

including education, childcare, health and wellbeing, housing, finance, employment, additional needs and disabilities, safeguarding, overseas living, welfare, and transition support. The Hub aims to help Service families make informed decisions, access the right support quickly, and navigate the unique challenges and opportunities associated with military life.

Support is always available

The Army's "Support Is Always Available" guide brings together a wide range of confidential support services for Service personnel and their families in one place. It includes contacts for mental health support, bereavement, domestic abuse, relationship difficulties, financial concerns, addictions, eating disorders, victim support, safeguarding, sexual assault services and general welfare assistance.

For schools, this resource can be particularly valuable when supporting Service children and families who may be coping with deployment, separation, family stress, bereavement, mental health challenges or other welfare concerns. While schools are not expected to provide specialist support themselves, the guide helps staff signpost families to appropriate professional services quickly and confidently. It can be a useful tool for Designated Safeguarding Leads, pastoral teams, Service Children's Champions and staff working closely with military families.

Having access to trusted support organisations enables schools to strengthen their whole-school approach to wellbeing and ensure that Service families know where to turn when additional help is needed. Consider sharing the guide with pastoral staff, including it in parent information packs, or making it available through your school's Service children support networks.

SUPPORT IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE

It is always better to speak to someone than to speak with no-one!

CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT SERVICES

Army Welfare Service
Accessible, independent, confidential and professional specialist welfare services to soldiers and their families with any personal or family difficulty.

Open: Monday - Thursday 08:30 - 16:30
Friday 08:30 - 16:00
Tel: ***01904 882053***

Speak Out
Confidential bullying, harassment and discrimination helpline.

Open: Monday - Friday 0830 - 1700 (except Bank and Public holidays)
Web: Army-SpeakOut@mod.gov.uk
Tel Mil: ***96770 4656*** Tel Civ: ***0306 7704656***

Dispute Resolution & Support Service
The Army Mediation Service (AMS) uses independent mediators to resolve conflict in a confidential setting

Email: Army-Mediation-OMailbox@mod.gov.uk
Tel: ***0306 7707 691***

24-Hour Military Mental Health Helpline
Free, confidential helpline available to all serving military personnel their families and friend that may have concerns.

Open: 24/7 Web: combatstress.org.uk
Email: helpline@combatstress.org.uk
Tel: ***0800 323 4444*** Text: ***07537 173 683***

SSAFA
Confidential personal support and social work services for the military community.

Web: ssafa.org.uk/help-you/forcesline
Tel: ***0800 731 4880*** open 9:00 - 17:30 Mon - Fri

Samaritans
Provides a safe place to talk about anything that's bothering you 24/7.

Web: samaritans.org Email: Jo@samaritans.org
Tel: ***116 123*** open 24/7

Shout
Shout is the UK's first free, confidential, 24/7 text support service. It's a place to go if you're struggling to cope.

Text SHOUT to 85258

BEREAVEMENT

Cruse Bereavement Care
Offers advice and support when someone dies.
Open 9:30 -17:00 Mon - Fri (excluding bank holidays), with extended hours on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, when open until 20:00.

Web: cruse.org.uk Email: info@cruse.org.uk
Tel: ***0808 808 1677***

ADDICTIONS

GamCare
Free support for anyone affected by gambling harms across UK.

Web: www.gamcare.org.uk/get-support/talk-to-us-now/
Tel: ***0808 8020133***

National Gambling Helpline
Freephone ***0808 8020 133*** 0000 -Midnight
365 days a year.

Alcoholics Anonymous
A support group for men and women who share their experiences and strength with each other to help others recover from alcoholism.

Web: alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk
Email: help@aamail.org Tel: ***0800 9177 650***

RELATIONSHIPS

Relate
Can help you make the most of couple and family relationships, past, present or future. Provides help even if you're not currently in a relationship.

Web: relate.org.uk
Email: Relate Enquiries@relate.org.uk
Tel: ***02392 827 026***

DOMESTIC ABUSE

Aurora New Dawn
A specialist team for the Army and RN providing advice and support for those experiencing domestic abuse, sexual violence and stalking.

Web: https://www.aurorand.org.uk/services/the-armed-forces/
Email: armedforces@aurorand.org.uk
Tel: ***023 92 479254***

Respect - Men's Advice Line
Advice, support and information for men experiencing domestic violence and abuse.

Web: mensadviceline.org.uk
Email: info@mensadviceline.org.uk
Tel: ***0808 801 0327***

Women's Aid
Advice, support and information on domestic abuse and violence. Open: 24/7

Web: womensaid.org.uk
Email: helpline@womensaid.org.uk
Tel: ***0808 2000 247***

VICTIM SUPPORT

Victim Support
Free and confidential support to help you move past the impact of crime. Open: 24/7 To contact visit:

Web: victimsupport.org.uk
Tel: ***0808 1689 111*** (free)

Victim Witness Support Unit
The Defence Victim Witness Care Unit (VWCU) provides support and guidance for victims and witnesses during their journey through the Service Justice System.

Tel: ***07974 074259*** (0am to 4pm - Mon to Thurs, 0am to 3.30pm - Fri)
Email: people-dscc-vwcugroup@mod.gov.uk

DEBT AND FINANCE MANAGEMENT

Money Helper
Money Helper joins up money and pensions guidance to make it quicker and easier to find the right help. MoneyHelper brings together the support and services of three government-backed financial guidance provider.

Web: www.moneyhelper.org.uk

National Debtline

Open 09:00 - 20:00 Mon - Fri and 09:30 - 13:00 on Sat.
Web: nationaldebtline.org
Tel: ***0808 808 4000***

PERINATAL

Defence Maternal Mental Health Support
Pregnant Service women or those in the first 12 months after birth can self-refer in confidence. DCMH Colchester

Tel: ***01206817057***

EATING DISORDERS

BEAT Eating Disorders
Need Help Now.

Tel: ***0808 801 0677***
Email: help@beateatingdisorders.org.uk

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

Calm
Helpline for Men in the UK who are down or who have hit the wall for any reason and need to talk or find information and support. Open: 5pm - Midnight

Web: www.thecalmzone.net
Tel: ***0800 585858*** 5pm - Midnight 365 Days a Year

Sane
Provides expert emotional support and specialist information for you if you are concerned about your own or someone else's mental health.
Open: 04:30 - 22:30 7 days per week.
To access the Sane anonymous support forum via.

Web: sane.org.uk
Tel: ***07984 967 708 / 02038 051 h790***

Papyrus
Dedicated to the prevension of suicide and the promotion of positivemental health / wellbeing in young people.

Email: pat@papyrus-uk.org
Tel: ***0800 0684141*** Text: 07860 039

Army LGBTQ+
It offers peer support, mentoring and networking opportunities and resources on inclusive leadership and implicit bias.

Email: www.armylgbt.org
Twitter: @ArmyLGBT

SEXUAL ASSAULT

The Survivors Trust

Web: thesurvivorstrust.org
Email: info@thesurvivorstrust.org
Tel: ***01788 550554 / 08088 010 818***

If you are in distress and do not feel able to keep yourself safe

PLEASE DIAL **999**

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WELCOME



Are you a newly arrived military family?

Moving to a new area can be tough. We are here to help you find essential services, meet friends and help you feel at home.

Scan the QR code for more information, to book a Settling in Service appointment and to receive your free Moving in Guide.

We will support you to settle, connect and thrive in your new community.

SCAN ME!

Your North Yorkshire Journey Starts Here

North Yorkshire Citizens Advice & Law Centre

citizens advice

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Contact me at our email address if you have any items for the agenda

SCN

Autumn SCN Meeting

Our Autumn term meeting was held on Wednesday 7th October and we were joined by Lucy Fox who shared updates and information regarding the new Catterick Integrated Care Complex. The joint project between the MOD and NHS will deliver transformative integrated health and care services to the military and civilian communities of Catterick, North Yorkshire, and the wider Richmondshire areas.

The Catterick Integrated Care Centre is a first-of-its-kind MOD-NHS collaboration providing this range of services and will enable shared estate, expertise, and learning to optimise the health and care services for people across the area.
We were also joined by Virginia Arrowsmith, Communities Development Officer, who spoke about the Town Investment Plan for Catterick and Colburn.

A plan that identifies viable, investment-ready projects and initiatives which meet the needs of residents and visitors, and form part of a shared, place-based vision for the future.
North Yorkshire Council want the Plan for Catterick and Colburn to be informed by the voices of the whole community including children, young and people and those with lived experience of service life.

The Spring Term SCN Meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th February on TEAMS at 10am.

