

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION: SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S LEARNING CODE OF PRACTICE

In response to the Scottish Government consultation 'Supporting Children's Learning Code of Practice' which focused on their refreshed statutory guidance on Additional Support for Learning (ASL) in Scotland, the Naval Families Federation submitted evidence to highlight the unique challenges faced by Naval families.

What About Naval Families?

The guidance reflects the wide legal definition of additional support needs, which encompasses potential challenges for Naval families linked to mobility, disruption, separation and transitions. We highlighted the opportunity to explicitly reference the Armed Forces Covenant and better reflect the duty of due regard.

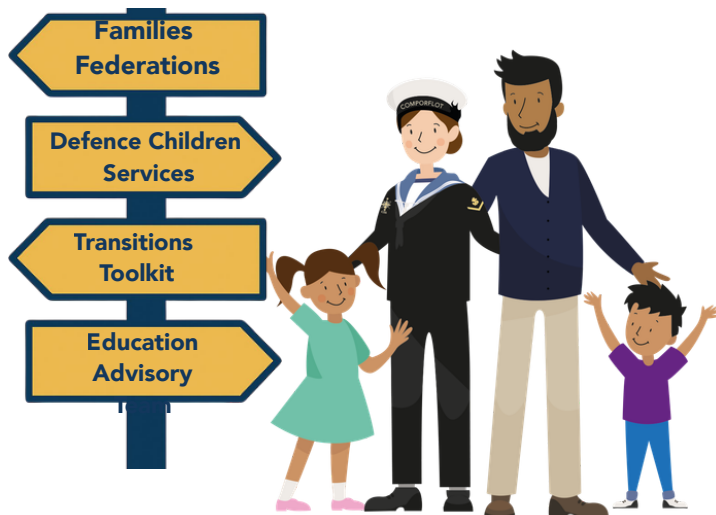


Frequent Moves

We highlighted children from Naval families may move frequently in and out of Scotland, including to and from overseas. Transitions can be at short notice and outside of 'standard' times. We asked for recognition of the cumulative effect of repeated moves.

Improve Accessibility

The guidance is well organised and reader friendly for its intended professional audience. We highlighted that inclusion of the planned glossary of terms would improve accessibility, including for practitioners supporting Naval families relocating to Scotland from elsewhere in the UK and overseas.



Signposting for Naval Families

The document includes robust signposting to general ASL support, including mediation, advocacy and tribunal services. We highlighted that targeted signposting to specialist organisations and resources including the Families Federations, Defence Children Services and the Transitions Toolkit would better support Naval families.

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