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Key Findings

Housing

34% indicated they had moved in the last 12 months.	➤ RN respondents had moved less than the other Services.	Question introduced in 2011.
56% indicated they own their own home, of which 32% live in it.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ More RN respondents said they owned a home. ➤ The Army had the lowest percentages of people living in the home they owned and the highest percentage of people never having owned a home. ➤ Northern Ireland was the region with lowest percentages of people living in their own home apart from those living outside the UK. 	<p>Overall there had been a 1.5 percentage point reduction in those saying they did not currently own a home but had done so in the past.</p> <p>There had also been a 5.8 percentage point reduction in RAF respondents saying they owned a home and were living in it.</p> <p>Regional comparisons were not available due to different sampling methodology in 2011.</p>
10% of those who owned their own home said they had bought it in the last 12 months.	➤ RN had lower percentages of respondents who had bought a home in the last 12 months.	Question introduced in 2011.
Of those 10%, 30% said they had used a scheme to buy their home. Schemes that were used included LSAP, Homebuy / AFHOS, Shared equity, Forces discount (particular to certain developers) and Right to Buy.	➤ The Army had higher percentages of respondents who had used a scheme to purchase a house.	Question introduced in 2011.

For those who didn't own a home, the most prevalent reason was they couldn't afford to buy a suitable home at the moment - 60%.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Lower percentages of RN respondents said that the reason for not owning a home was because they wanted to be able to move where their spouse was posted, that they were not aware of available support to obtain accommodation, and that they would not be able to live in the home. ➤ In the Army, lower percentages said that living in Service accommodation was better suited to their family needs. ➤ Higher percentages of RAF respondents said they didn't want to buy where they were currently located and that they didn't want to own a home at this stage in their career. ➤ There were no observed regional differences. 	<p>Overall there had been a 3.3 percentage decrease in <i>other reasons</i> for not owning their own home.</p> <p>As reasons for not owning a home, in RN there had been a 19.9 percentage increase for living in Service accommodation being better for their family's needs at present; a 11.2 percentage increase for wanting to be able to move where the spouse is posted; a 6.7 percentage increase for not being able to live in the home, and a 16.4 percentage increase for not wanting to buy a home where they were located at present.</p> <p>In the Army there had been a 4.2 percentage decrease in not being able to live in the home as a reason for not owning their own home.</p>
During the working week, most respondents lived in Service Family Accommodation - 61%.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The highest percentage of SFA accommodation was found in the Army while the lowest was in RN. ➤ There were lower percentages in privately owned homes in Northern Ireland and outside the UK. 	<p>Overall there had been a small increase of 0.3 percentage points for those living with their family or relatives. This change can most likely be attributed to the Army, who had a 0.5 percentage point increase for those living with their family or relatives.</p> <p>There had also been a 5.3 percentage decrease in private homeownership in RAF.</p>

Higher percentages of respondents would prefer to live in their own private home than what was presently the case (55% versus 32%) while lower percentages of respondents would prefer to live in SFA than what was presently the case (40% versus 61%).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ More RN respondents preferred to live in privately owned homes while more Army families preferred to live in SFA. ➤ These figures account only for RN and the Army comparisons as RAF data was not available. 	Question introduced in 2011.
For those living in Service provided accommodation and had their house fitted to accommodate a family member with special needs, 40% felt it was done to their satisfaction.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A lower percentage of RAF respondents were satisfied with the work done on their house to accommodate a family member with special needs. 	Question introduced in 2011.
Deployment		
15% of the respondents had accompanied their spouse on overseas assignments in the last 12 months.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A higher percentage of Army respondents had accompanied their spouse overseas. ➤ Regionally, a higher percentage of those living in Northern Ireland and outside the UK had followed their spouse on overseas assignments. 	There had been a 4.8 percentage reduction in RAF respondents saying they had not accompanied their spouse on an overseas assignment in the last 12 months. Simultaneously, there had been a 3.7 percentage point increase in RAF respondents not responding to the question.
For those who had accompanied their spouse overseas...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A lower percentage of Army respondents did not have difficulties with paid employment. ➤ There were no observed regional differences. 	A 9.9 percentage increase was observed for those saying they had experienced a lot of difficulties in obtaining paid employment. Most of this was accounted for by the Army, who saw a 12.5 percentage increase for the same issue.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 61% had experienced difficulties obtaining paid employment; ii. 43% felt there had been difficulties with the information obtained before going overseas; iii. 35% had had difficulties maintaining a National Insurance contribution record. 		

Employment

The majority were in either full-time employment - 34% - or part-time employment - 24%.

- A higher percentage of Army respondents indicated they were homemakers while a lower percentage was in full-time employment.

Changes were only seen for RN respondents: there had been a 5.2 percentage point decrease in those saying they were homemakers or parents at home, a 2.0 percentage point decrease for those saying they were in part-time education and a 2.0 percentage point decrease for those saying they were in unpaid voluntary work.

4% of respondents had used a Government scheme to help find employment in the last 12 months.

The most common form for help was using a Job Centre or obtaining Job Seekers Allowance.

21% said using a scheme had helped them find employment while 69% said it did not help.

- A lower percentage of RAF respondents said they had *not* used a Government scheme.
- There were no observed regional differences.

Question reworded in 2011.

When asked about difficulties around finding employment...

- i. 11% had experienced difficulties due to a lack of qualifications;
- ii. 22% had experienced difficulties because of their employment history;
- iii. 19% had had difficulties because they were overseas with their spouse or civil partner;
- iv. 27% had experienced difficulties because their spouse often was away.

- A lower percentage of RN respondents had had difficulties with finding a job because of their employment history while a lower percentage of RAF respondents had had difficulties because their spouse was often away.

There had been an overall reduction in percentages indicating difficulties with finding employment but there was at the same time a reduction in percentages of those saying they had experienced no difficulties.

Changes in the data from 2010 may come from a large increase in those not responding to the questions on employment.

Living Conditions

72% had not had any difficulty maintaining their status on the electoral voting register.

- RN had lower percentages indicating they had experienced problems while also having higher levels indicating they had not experienced problems.
- The Army had the lowest percentage of respondents with no problems maintaining their voting status and the highest number of respondents who didn't know whether they had had difficulties or not.
- Lower percentages of respondents in Northern Ireland and those living outside the UK had not experienced difficulties in maintaining their voting status compared to the other regions.

Question introduced in 2011.

75% of the respondents resided in England.

- RN had the highest percentage of respondents in England and the lowest percentage outside the UK.
- The Army had the lowest percentage of respondents in England and the highest percentage of respondents in Northern Ireland and outside the UK.

No comparable data is available. A different sampling methodology was used in 2011.

See 4.3 in the Methodology section for differences in sampling estimates for the Services.

74% said their spouse was located in England at the time of the survey.

- No differences are possible to extract for Services or regions.

Question introduced in 2011.

Health and Dental Care

70% of those that had needed access to a dentist in the last 12 months had been able to get to one.

- Higher percentages of RN respondents had been able to access a dentist while lower percentages had not been looking for a dentist in the same period.
- There were no observed differences between regions.

Question introduced in 2011.

Of the 70%, 49% had used a paying NHS dentist, 27% had used a free NHS dentist and 18% had used fully private dental treatment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A lower percentage of Army respondents had found a solution via fully private dental treatment compared to the other Services. ➤ For RAF respondents, there is some evidence of a higher percentage who had found other solutions. ➤ A higher percentage of those based outside the UK indicated they had found other solutions to accessing a dentist. 	Question introduced in 2011.
37% of those that were undergoing a course of dental treatment while moving in the last 12 months had been able to continue the treatment without difficulties. However, an equal percentage had not being able to continue their treatment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ There were no observed differences between the Services or regions. 	Question introduced in 2011.
<p>For those that experienced difficulties accessing a dentist, the most prevalent difficulties were...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Long waiting lists, 46%; ii. Lack of available places at dentist, 43%; iii. Distance to nearest dentist, 26%. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Higher percentages of RAF respondents indicated long waiting lists being a problem while a higher percentage of RN respondents said a lack of available places had presented a problem when registering with a dentist. ➤ A lower percentage of Army respondents said they had experienced problems with registering a child when none of the parents were registered with a dentist. ➤ No differences were observed between regions. 	Question introduced in 2011.
25% indicated that they or members of their family had been on a waiting list for an operation or consultant's appointment in the last year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ RAF had the highest percentage of respondents on a waiting list. ➤ There no observed differences between regions. 	Question reworded in 2011.

34% of those that were on a waiting list for an operation or consultant's appointment said their waiting had increased as a result of moving home.	➤ There were no observed differences between the Services or regions.	Question reworded in 2011.
2% said they had been undergoing or on a waiting list to receive assisted conception treatment in the last 12 months. Of this, 51% had informed their Chain of Command or Assisting Officer prior to a move.	➤ There were no observed differences between the Services or regions.	Question reworded in 2011.
Childcare and Education		
20% to 35% said they had not had any problems with childcare facilities or schooling in the last 12 months. Proportionally, 7% to 12% indicated difficulties with aspects of childcare and education.	➤ Higher percentages of RN respondents indicated no problems or "not applicable" with any type of child education compared to the other Services. ➤ The Army had lower percentages of respondents that answered not applicable or indicated they didn't have difficulties with obtaining a place at the school of their choice, obtaining a place at the childcare facilities of their choice and getting adequate information about schools prior to a change in assignment or posting. ➤ There were no observed differences between regions.	Question reworded in 2011.
Locally offered childcare facilities:	➤ Apart from access to facilities a higher percentage of RN respondents said they felt local childcare facilities met their needs.	No comparable data available.
i. 45% said access to these facilities met their needs; ii. 45% said the quality of facilities met their needs; iii. 39% felt the cost of facilities met their needs; iv. 38% said the hours of care met their needs.	➤ There were no observed regional differences.	

The majority had not experienced difficulties with access to schooling due to the posting or accommodation notice.	➤ A lower percentage of RN respondents reported that the amount of notice for allocation of Service accommodation had created difficulties when changing school.	Question reworded in 2011.
11% of those with children who had moved in the last 12 months had experienced problems obtaining a place at a state school.	➤ There were no differences between Services or regions.	Question introduced in 2011.
1% or less reported problems with access to state boarding schools, private day schools or private boarding schools.	➤ There were no differences between Services or regions.	Question introduced in 2011.
The most prevalent problems encountered when placing children in a new school were insufficient places at the school of choice - 54% - and insufficient places at the local school - 35%.	➤ A lower percentage of RN respondents indicated that they had insufficient transportation to the school while a higher percentage of Army respondents reported <i>other</i> problems related to placing children in a new school.	Question introduced in 2011.
For the 8% who indicated they had child (ren) with SEN, 43% said their support had continued without a time lag when moving, 10% said the support had not continued after the move.	➤ There were no observed regional differences. ➤ There were no differences between Services or regions.	There had been a 12 percentage decrease for those saying they did not have children with SEN, with most contributed from a 16.8 decrease in the Army. The Army also had a 2.5 percentage decrease in those who said they did have child (ren) with SEN. There no changes observed in support from 2010.
25% of respondents with children would consider sending their children to a boarding school. 9% already sent their children to boarding school.	➤ A higher percentage of RN respondents said they did not and would not consider sending their children to a boarding school - 50% and 41, respectively. ➤ There were no observed regional differences.	While there has been an increase in responses to the question in 2011 due to response patterns there is no indication of direction of change. The Army was the sole contributor for the changes in numbers.

Topic	Single Service/Regional	2010 Comparison
78% of those with children who considered sending their children to boarding school and who were eligible for the Continuity of Educational Allowance (CEA) would use the allowance, while 89% already used it.	➤ A higher percentage of RN respondents would use the CEA allowance to send their children to boarding school.	Question introduced in 2011.
9% had experienced difficulties with continuing courses that they or their family had started in a previous location due to the mobility of Service life.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A lower percentage of RN respondents reported difficulties with courses due to the mobility of Service life. ➤ There were no observed differences between regions. 	Question introduced in 2011.
12% said that the mobility of Service life had caused difficulties with accessing further or higher education in the last 12 months.	➤ A higher percentage of Army respondents and a lower percentage of RN respondents said they had experienced difficulties with further or higher education due to the mobility of Service life.	No comparable data available.

Introduction

1. *Purpose*

1.1 The dual purpose of the tri-Service set of questions (FAMCAS) in the single Service (sS) Families Surveys is:

- a. To provide MOD personnel policy divisions with tri-Service data on the views of families the UK Armed Forces of issues affecting them including housing, health, benefits, and childcare and education.
- b. Provide empirical evidence of the views of Armed Forces families for the annual Armed Forces Covenant Report.

1.2 Data from the single Service Families Surveys not derived from the FAMCAS questions are not covered in the present report.

2. *Background*

2.1 Rebuilding the Military Covenant was made a clear priority in the Coalition's Programme for Government published after the election in May 2010. With the publication on 16 May 2011 of "The Armed Forces Covenant: Today and Tomorrow", a substantial body of measures has been put in place across Government to support the Covenant, in fields such as healthcare, housing and education.

2.2 The FAMCAS questions, embedded in the single Services Families Surveys, cover many of the same topics. They are therefore an important means to provide an understanding of the views of UK Armed Forces families on progress of the Armed Forces Covenant. They provide data to strengthen the evidence-base for Covenant initiatives, and help the Ministry of Defence in better understanding the views and needs of a vital and valued section of the Armed Forces Community.

2.3 This year is the second time the FAMCAS questions were included in the single Services Families Surveys. And it is the first year where a tri-Service comparison to the previous year has been possible. Importantly, the inclusion of these standard questions allows for comparisons across the single Services and regions, whereas up until 2010 such comparisons could not be made.

2.4 The single Services Families Surveys, where the FAMCAS questions are embedded, look at the effects of being a Service Family (use of facilities, valuing/belonging, finances), satisfaction with the support, welfare, deployment length, frequency and notice period, communication during absences, relocation, accommodation, impact of their own career, and retention. The Army survey also looks at the impact of deployment on SP behaviour in the family.

2.5 While the single Services run the Families Surveys, it is the role of the Deputy Chief of Defence Staff (Personnel and Training) – SP Research and Data Exploitation team to coordinate the tri-Service FAMCAS questions for inclusion in the Families Surveys.

Methodology

3. Design

3.1 Tri-Service questions were developed by the FAMCAS Working Group (WG) over a period of 4 months in the autumn of 2010 to accompany the existing sS Families Surveys. Consultations were held with in-house stakeholders in DCDS Pers and Training and in the single Services to create a set of tri-Service questions. The final FAMCAS had 37 items and asked for information about accommodation, healthcare, childcare and education, and deployment (a full list of questions is found in Annex A).

3.2 For the first time the surveys were distributed at the same time across all three Services, between February and April 2011.

4. Sample

4.1 The three single Service questionnaires were completed by Service Personnel's spouses; the criteria for sample inclusion only included spouses of Service Personnel identified as married (categories Cat1, Cat1s, and Cat1c) on the Joint Personnel Administration (JPA) system. Table 1 gives the overview of distribution, responses, and response rates per Service.

4.2 Stratified sampling by station/location was used within each Service to include spouses from across the ranks. 28,747 questionnaires were sent by mail to Service Personnel, who were asked to pass these on to their spouses for completion. 6,813 questionnaires were returned, giving a response rate of 24%.

4.3 Note that the RAF sample was estimated from their spouse's stationed location while for RN and the Army the sample was estimated from actual location. There are large overlaps between actual and estimated locations hence the differences are unlikely to have detrimental impact on.

Table 1: Overview of distribution numbers, responses and response rates

Royal Navy & Royal Marines	8652	1725	20%
Army	12924	3602	28%
Royal Air Force	7171	1486	21%
Total	28747	6813	24%

4.4 Table 2 and Table 3 provide an overview of spouses' NATO rank and responses per region, respectively. The overall majority of respondents were spouses of OR-4, OR-6 or OR-7, while for Officers' spouses the largest number of responses came from OF-3 and OF-2 spouses. The majority of respondents were located in England while fewest were living in Northern Ireland.

Table 2: Overview of Spouses' Rank per NATO ran

OF-6 to OF-10	Commodore/Brigadier/Air Commodore and above	<1
OF-5	Captain/Colonel/Group Captain	3
OF-4	Commander/Lieutenant Colonel/Wing Commander	8
OF-3	Lieutenant Commander/Major/Squadron Leader	12
OF-2	Lieutenant/Captain/Flight Lieutenant	9
OF-1	Sub-Lieutenant/2nd Lieutenant/Flying Officer or Pilot Officer	<1
OR-9	Warrant Officer 1/Warrant Officer / Master Aircrew	4
OR-8	Warrant Officer 2	5
OR-7	Chief Petty Officer/Colour Sergeant/Staff Sergeant/Flight Sergeant or Chief Technician	12
OR-6	Petty Officer/Sergeant	15
OR-4	Leading Rate/Corporal	15
OR-3	Lance Corporal	5
OR-1 and OR-2	Able Rating/ Marine/ Private/ Junior Technician/Leading or Senior Aircraftman/ Junior/ Aircraftsman	10
Total		100

<1 = less than 1%.

Table 3: Overview of responses per region

England	3690	55
Northern Ireland	322	5
Scotland	939	14
Wales	224	3
Outside the UK	1478	22
Total	6653	100

5. *Distribution*

5.1 Each Service used their own method of distribution for the survey: Royal Navy used Harris, a research organisation, to post questionnaires to Royal Navy and Royal Marine Service Personnel along with an accompanying letter which asked them to pass the survey onto their spouses. Details of how to complete the survey online were also included for those preferring to use this method. RAF mailed the questionnaires to the spouse via the serving person; the questionnaires were returned in the postage-paid envelopes. The Army distributed the FAMCAS questionnaire via the serving partner at their work address. Envelopes were addressed "C/O" to the serving partner and carried the spouse's name in bold noting that the contents were 'Private and Confidential'.

5.2 It is yet not possible to send surveys direct to Service Personnel spouses as MOD neither has the up front consent nor holds sufficient contact details for spouses to contact them directly for research.

6. *Analysis*

6.1 SPSS Complex Samples were used to analyse the data as weights were applied to grouped ranks (ie Officers, Senior ranks and Junior ranks) per region per Service. Frequencies and crosstabs for Services and regions were performed as analysis.

7. *Limitations*

7.1 The distribution is via Service Personnel which means that receipt of the survey is not guaranteed. Furthermore, there is no certainty that the person who completes the survey is the Service Personnel spouse.

7.2 Weights for Naval Service and RAF personnel were derived using population data (Service, rank and stationed location for personnel with Married Categories 1, 1s and 1c) as held by DASA for July 2010. The Army weights were derived using a JPA extract from November 2010. A comparison between the weighted responses and DASA population data for March 2011 (when the survey was in the field) indicates only minor differences for Naval Service and RAF ($\leq 1\%$ of each rank group). Larger differences are evident for the Army, for example Offices make up 19% of the population but only 15% of the weighted sample.

Table 4: Grouped ranks as a percentage of Service (FAMCAS 2011 Estimates and March 2011 Actuals)

	Overall (%)		Royal Navy (%)		Army (%)		Royal Air Force (%)	
	Actuals	Sample	Actuals	Sample	Actuals	Sample	Actuals	Sample
Officers	23.3	21.6	30.0	30.2	19.1	15.0	27.9	27.9
Senior ranks	37.7	39.5	44.7	45.5	35.2	37.0	38.8	38.1
Junior ranks	39.0	38.9	25.3	24.3	45.6	48.0	33.3	34.0
Total (%)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.0

Actuals Source: DASA extract for March 2011 (Trained Regulars MarCats: 1, 1S, 1C)

Sample (Weighted): FamCAS 2011

**Table 5: Have you moved in the last 12 months? Single Service**

	Overall (%)	Single Service		
		Royal Navy (%)	Army (%)	Royal Air Force (%)
Yes	34	18**	39	38
No	66	82**	61	62
Total	100	100	100	100

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from the other Services.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from the other Services.

No comparable data from 2010 available. Question introduced in 2011.

Table 6: Do you own your own home? Single Service

	Total			Royal Navy			Army			Royal Air Force		
	%	SE	Sig change 2010	%	SE	Sig change 2010	%	SE	Sig change 2010	%	SE	Sig change 2010
Yes, I am living in it	32	.6%	--	64**	1.1%	--	18**	.7%	--	37**	1.3%	- 5.8
Yes, but not living in it	24	.6%	--	14**	.8%	--	27	.8%	--	25	1.2%	--
No, but previously owned own home	7	.4%	- 1.5	7	.7%	--	7	.5%	--	8	.8%	--
No, I have never owned my own home	36	.6%	--	15**	.8%	--	48**	.9%	--	30**	1.2%	--
<i>Total unweighted count (n)</i>	6500			##			##			##		

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from the other Services.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from the other Services.

-- = The difference with 2010 is not significant at the $p < 0.01$ level.

■ Indicates no comparison possible.

Table 7: Do you own your own home? Region

		Region				
	Overall (%)	England (%)	Northern Ireland (%)	Scotland (%)	Wales (%)	Outside the UK (%)
Yes, I am living in it	32	37	19**	50	43	4**
Yes, but not living in it	24	21	30	17	20	39
No, but previously owned own home	7	7	9	6	7	8
No, I have never owned my own home	36	35	43	26	31	49
	100	100	100	100	100	100

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from all the other regions.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from all the other regions.

Table 8: If you own your own home, did you buy it in the last 12 months? Region

		Region				
	Overall (%)	England (%)	Northern Ireland (%)	Scotland (%)	Wales (%)	Outside the UK (%)
Yes	10	9	7	7	7	13
No	90	91	93	93	93	87
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from all the other regions.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from all the other regions.

No comparable data from 2010 available. Question introduced in 2011.

Table 9: If you own your own home AND bought it in the last 12 months, did you make use of a scheme to buy it? Region

		Region				
	Overall (%)	England (%)	Northern Ireland (%)	Scotland (%)	Wales (%)	Outside the UK (%)
Yes (please specify which scheme)	30	31	50	25	20	31
No, I didn't know that schemes were available	20	23	37	26	12	4
No, I didn't need to use a scheme	33	31	13	34	49	41
No, other reason	17	16		15	19	24
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from all the other regions.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from all the other regions.

Blank areas denote items where no data exists.

No comparable data from 2010 available. Question introduced in 2011.

Table 10: If you own your own home, did you buy it in the last 12 months? Single Service

	Overall (%)	Single Service		
		Royal Navy (%)	Army (%)	Royal Air Force (%)
Yes	10	7*	11	11
No	90	93*	89	89
Total	100	100	100	100

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from the other Services.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from the other Services.

No comparable data from 2010 available. Question reworded in 2011.

Table 11: If you own your own home AND bought it in the last 12 months, did you make use of a scheme to buy it? Single Service

	Overall (%)	Single Service		
		Royal Navy (%)	Army (%)	Royal Air Force (%)
Yes (please specify which scheme)	30	23	41*	21
No, I didn't know that schemes were available	20	12	16	30
No, I didn't need to use a scheme	33	45	22*	39
No, other reason	17	20	20	10
Total	100	100	100	100

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from the other Services.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from the other Services.

No comparable data from 2010 available. Question introduced in 2011.

Table 12: If you don't own your own home, why not? Region

	Overall (%)	Region				
		England (%)	Northern Ireland (%)	Scotland (%)	Wales (%)	Outside the UK (%)
I/we can't afford to buy a suitable home at the moment	60	63	47	59	63	48
I/we want to be able to move about when my spouse is posted	28	27	28	34	26	28
Living in Service accommodation is better suited to my family's needs at present	25	25	24	30	26	20
I/we don't want to buy a home where we are currently located	23	23	25	25	21	24
I/we were not aware of support available to buy accommodation	20	20	20	17	22	19
I/we had difficulties getting a mortgage	13	13	12	10	15	12
I/we wouldn't be able to live in the home	13	11	12	10	13	21
I/we don't want to own a home at this stage in my/our life/career(s)	11	11	17	13	11	11
I am expecting my spouse to be posted overseas or to an area where I/we don't want to buy a home	6	5	8	5		9
Other	3	3	4	2	2	6

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from all the other regions.

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from all the other regions.

Blank areas denote items where no data exists.

Table 13: If you don't own your own home, why not? Single Services

	Total			Royal Navy			Army			Royal Air Force		
	%	SE	Sig change 2010	%	SE	Sig change 2010	%	SE	Sig change 2010	%	SE	Sig change 2010
I/we can't afford to buy a suitable home at the moment	60	1.1%	--	61	2.6%	--	60	1.4%	--	60	2.3%	--
I/we want to be able to move about when my spouse is posted	28	1.0%	--	21*	2.1%	+ 11.2	27	1.2%	--	32	2.2%	--
Living in Service accommodation is better suited to my family's needs at present	25	.9%	--	31	2.4%	+ 19.9	22**	1.1%	--	30	2.2%	--
I/we don't want to buy a home where we are currently located	23	.9%	--	23	2.2%	+ 16.4	19	1.1%	--	33**	2.2%	--
I/we were not aware of support available to buy accommodation	20	.9%	--	14*	1.8%	--	20	1.1%	--	22	2.0%	--
I/we had difficulties getting a mortgage	13	.8%		13	1.8%		13	1.0%		13	1.6%	
I/we wouldn't be able to live in the home	13	.7%	--	8**	1.3%	+ 6.7	13	.9%	- 4.2	15	1.7%	--
I/we don't want to own a home at this stage in my/our life/career(s)	11	.7%	--	7	1.4%	--	10	.8%	--	16**	1.8%	--
I am expecting my spouse to be posted overseas or to an area where I/we don't want to buy a home	6	.5%		6	1.2%	--	6	.6%	--	7	1.2%	
Other	3	.4%	- 3.3	7	1.3%	--	4	.5%	--			- 9.1
<i>Total unweighted count (n)</i>	2400											

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* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from the other Service.

-- = The difference with 2010 is not significant at the $p < 0.01$ level.

Blank areas denote items where no data exists.

Comparable statistics for *difficulties with getting a mortgage* was unobtainable due to changes in the question presentation.

Filtered for those who don't own their own home.

Indicates no comparison possible

Table 14: What type of accommodation do you live in during the working week? Single Service

	Total			Royal Navy			Army			Royal Air Force		
	%	SE	Sig change 2010	%	SE	Sig change 2010	%	SE	Sig change 2010	%	SE	Sig change 2010
SFA	61	.6%	--	28**	1.1%	--	75**	.8%	--	58**	1.4%	--
Privately owned home	32	.6%	--	64**	1.1%	--	18**	.7%	--	37**	1.3%	- 5.3
SSFA	3	.2%	--	4	.4%	--	3	.3%	--	2	.4%	--
Privately rented	2	.2%	--	2	.3%	--	2	.3%	--	<1	.3%	--
SLA	<1	.1%	--	<1	.2%	--	<1	.1%	--	<1	.3%	--
Housing Association	<1	.1%	--	<1	.1%	--	<1	.2%	--			--
Local Housing Authority	<1	.1%	--	<1	.1%	--	<1	.1%	--	<1	.1%	--
With parents/relatives	<1	.1%	+ 0.3	<1	.2%	--	<1	.2%	+ 0.5	<1	.1%	--
Other	<1	.1%	--	<1	.2%	--	<1	.1%	--	<1	.1%	--
<i>Total unweighted count (n)</i>	6500											

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from the other Service.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from the other Service.

-- = The difference with 2010 is not significant at the $p < 0.01$ level.

Blank areas denote items where no data exists.


 Indicates no comparison possible.

Table 15: What type of accommodation do you live in during the working week? Region

	Overall (%)	Region				
		England (%)	Northern Ireland (%)	Scotland (%)	Wales (%)	Outside the UK (%)
SFA	61	57	79	46	45	87
Privately owned home	32	37	19**	50	43	4**
SSFA	3	3	<1	1	3	6
Privately rented	2	2	1	1	3	1
SLA	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Housing Association	<1	<1		<1	4	<1
Local Housing Authority	<1	<1				
With parents/relatives	<1	<1	<1			<1
Other	<1	<1		<1	<1	1
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from the other Service.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from the other Service.

Table 16: What type of accommodation would you prefer to live in during the working week? Single Service

	Overall (%)	Single Service	
		Royal Navy (%)	Army (%)
Privately owned home	55	84**	43**
Privately rented	2	<1**	2**
SSFA	2	2	2
SFA	40	12**	51**
SLA	<1	<1	<1
Housing Association	<1	<1	<1
Local Housing Authority	<1	<1	<1
With parents/relatives	<1	<1	<1
Other	<1	<1	<1
Total	100	100	100

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from the other Service.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from the other Service.

No comparable data from 2010 available. Question introduced in 2011.

Navy and Army Only. The question was omitted from the RAF 2011 survey.

Table 17: If you live in Service provided accommodation and this needed to be adapted for a family member with special needs, was this work carried out? Single Service

	Overall (%)	Single Service		
		Royal Navy (%)	Army (%)	Royal Air Force (%)
To your satisfaction	40	49	47	13*
With some difficulties but still acceptable	34	30	36	36
With unacceptable difficulties	27	21	18	51
Total	100	100	100	100

Filtered for Respondent is currently living in Service provided accommodation.

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from the other Services.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from the other Services.

No comparable data from 2010 available. Question introduced in 2011.

Table 18: If you live in Service provided accommodation and this needed to be adapted for a family member with special needs, was this work carried out? Region

	Overall (%)	Region				
		England (%)	Northern Ireland (%)	Scotland (%)	Wales (%)	Outside the UK (%)
To your satisfaction	40	41	19	56		34
With some difficulties but still acceptable	34	34	81	24	100	28
With unacceptable difficulties	27	25		20		39
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

Filtered for Respondent is currently living in Service provided accommodation.

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from all the other regions.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from all the other regions.

Blank areas denote items where no data exists.

No comparable data from 2010 available. Question introduced in 2011.

Living Conditions

Table 19: In the last 12 months, have you had difficulty maintaining your status on the electoral voting register? Single Service

	Overall (%)	Single Service		
		Royal Navy (%)	Army (%)	Royal Air Force (%)
Yes	11	5**	13	11
No	72	91**	62**	78**
Don't know	17	4**	25**	11**
Total	100	100	100	100

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from the other Services.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from the other Services.

Table 20: In the last 12 months, have you had difficulty maintaining your status on the electoral voting register? Region

	Overall (%)	Region				
		England (%)	Northern Ireland (%)	Scotland (%)	Wales (%)	Outside the UK (%)
Yes	11	8	20	7	10	25
No	72	78	50**	84	82	37**
Don't know	17	13	29	9	8	38
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from the other regions.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from the other regions.

Table 21: What part of the UK (or country) do you currently live in? Single Service

	Total			Royal Navy			Army			Royal Air Force		
			Sig change			Sig change			Sig change			Sig change
	%	SE	2010	%	SE	2010	%	SE	2010	%	SE	2010
England	75	.2%	- 10.6	84**	.7%	- 5.2	68**	.4%	- 16.2	80	.0%	- 4.4
Northern Ireland	2	.1%	--	<1	.1%	--	3**	.1%	--	<1	.0%	--
Scotland	7	.1%	--	10	.6%	+ 3.0	3**	.2%	--	10	.0%	+ 2.4
Wales	2	.1%	- 0.9	1	.3%	--	2	.2%	--	2	.0%	--
Outside the UK	15	.1%	+ 10.8	5**	.3%	+ 1.8	24**	.3%	+ 18.8	7	.0%	+ 2.7
<i>Total unweighted count (n)</i>	6500											

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from the other service in 2011 (Army & Navy only due to proxy being used for RAF).

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from the other service in 2011 (Army & Navy only due to proxy being used for RAF).

-- = The difference with 2010 is not significant at the $p < 0.01$ level.

Indicates no comparison possible.

Table 22: Your spouse/civil partner's rank (or equivalent if RN/Army/RAF). Single Service

Table 22: Four spouse/civil partner's rank (or equivalent in RN/Army/RAF); Single Service													
		Total			Royal Navy			Army			Royal Air Force		
				Sig change									
		% (n)	SE	2010	%% (n)	SE	2010	%% (n)	SE	2010	%% (n)	SE	2010
Officers	OF-6 to 10 - Commodore/Brigadier/Air Commodore and above	0.5% (55)	.1%	--	0.8% (17)	.2%	--	0.4% (35)	.1%	--	0.2% (3)	.1%	- 0.4
	OF-5 - Captain/Colonel/Group Captain	1.3% (163)	.1%	--	2.6% (52)	.3%	--	1.2% (100)	.1%	--	0.6% (11)	.2%	- 0.7
	OF-4 - Commander/Lieutenant Colonel/Wing Commander	4.7% (506)	.2%	--	7.9% (145)	.6%	--	3.6% (304)	.2%	--	4.3% (57)	.6%	--
	OF-3 - Lieutenant Commander/Major/Squadron Leader	7.9% (813)	.3%	- 1.0	11.9% (223)	.6%	--	6.0% (469)	.2%	- 1.6	8.6% (121)	.7%	--
	OF-2 - Lieutenant/Captain/Flight Lieutenant	6.5% (621)	.3%	- 1.4	6.9% (124)	.5%	- 1.8	3.7% (345)	.2%	- 2.8	11.3% (152)	.8%	--
	OF-1 - Sub-Lieutenant/2nd Lieutenant/Flying Officer or Pilot Officer	0.8% (37)	.1%	+ 0.4	0.0% (0)		--	0.1% (7)	.0%	- 0.2	2.9% (30)	.5%	+ 2.0
Other Ranks	OR-9 - Warrant Officer 1/Warrant Officer / Master Aircrew	4.4% (265)	.3%	--	6.9% (94)	.7%	--	3.6% (101)	.4%	--	4.2% (70)	.5%	- 1.7
	OR-8 - Warrant Officer 2	4.7% (338)	.3%	--	6.1% (105)	.6%	+ 6.1	6.6% (233)	.5%	--	0.0% (0)		--
	OR-7 - Chief Petty Officer/Colour Sergeant/Staff Sergeant/Flight Sergeant or Chief Technician	12.5% (754)	.4%	--	19.0% (269)	.9%	--	9.1% (274)	.5%	--	14.0% (211)	.9%	+ 2.2
	OR-6 - Petty Officer/Sergeant	17.7% (994)	.4%	+ 2.1	13.7% (196)	.9%	- 4.1	17.7% (497)	.6%	+ 4.5	20.5% (301)	.9%	--
	OR-4 - Leading Rate/Corporal	18.4% (1011)	.5%	--	16.2% (255)	.6%	--	19.0% (467)	.7%	--	19.0% (289)	.8%	--
	OR-3 - Lance Corporal	7.6% (338)	.4%	- 1.3	0.5% (7)	.2%	- 6.9	14.4% (331)	.7%	--	0.0% (0)		--
	OR-2/1 - Able Rating/ Marine/ Private (Classes 1 to 4)/ Junior Tech/ Aircraftman/ Leading or Senior Aircraftman	13.1% (640)	.4%	--	7.6% (118)	.6%	+ 4.0	14.6% (327)	.7%	--	14.3% (195)	.8%	--
Total unweighted count (n)		100.0% (6535)			100.0% (1605)			100.0% (3490)			100.0% (1440)		

-- = The difference with 2010 is not significant at the $p < 0.01$ level. Actual response numbers are in brackets

Indicates no comparison possible.

Table 23: Where is your spouse/civil partner currently stationed (if onboard a ship or boat please indicate where their base port is)? Single Service

	Overall (%)	Single Service		
		Royal Navy (%)	Army (%)	Royal Air Force (%)
England	74	84	68	80
Northern Ireland	2	<1	3	<1
Scotland	7	11	3	10
Wales	1	<1	1	2
Outside the UK	16	5	25	7
Total	100	100	100	100

Health and Dental Care

Table 24: If you/your family needed to access a dentist in the last 12 months, were you able to? Single Service

	Overall (%)	Single Service		
		Royal Navy (%)	Army (%)	Royal Air Force (%)
Yes	70	81**	67	67
No	10	8	12	9
I/my family was not looking for a dentist in this period	20	12**	22	24
Total	100	100	100	100

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from the other Services.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from the other Services.

No comparable data from 2010 available. Question reworded in 2011.

Table 25: If you/your family needed to access a dentist in the last 12 months, were you able to? Region

	Overall (%)	Region				
		England (%)	Northern Ireland (%)	Scotland (%)	Wales (%)	Outside the UK (%)
Yes	70	68	71	73	69	76
No	10	10	10	10	20	8
I/my family was not looking for a dentist in this period	20	21	19	17	11	16
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from all the other regions.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from all the other regions.

No comparable data from 2010 available. Question reworded in 2011.

Table 26: If yes, what solution did you achieve? Single Services

	Overall (%)	Single Service		
		Royal Navy (%)	Army (%)	Royal Air Force (%)
Paying treatment provided by the NHS	49	54	46	50
Free treatment provided by the NHS	27	25	26	28
Fully private dental treatment	18	27*	12**	21*
Other	8	4**	8*	12*
Total	102	110	93	111

No comparable data from 2010 available. Question reworded in 2011.

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* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from the other Services.

Totals do not sum to 100% due to instances of multiple solutions or no specified solutions.

Table 27: If you moved in the last 12 months while undergoing a course of dental treatment, have you been able to continue the treatment in your new location? Single Service

	Overall (%)	Single Service		
		Royal Navy (%)	Army (%)	Royal Air Force (%)
Yes, without difficulties	37	38	37	33
Yes, but with some difficulties	26	25	25	30
No	37	36	38	37
Total	100	100	100	100

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* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from the other Services.

No comparable data from 2010 available. Question reworded in 2011.

Table 28: If you moved in the last 12 months while undergoing a course of dental treatment, have you been able to continue the treatment in your new location? Region

		Region				
	Overall (%)	England (%)	Northern Ireland (%)	Scotland (%)	Wales (%)	Outside the UK (%)
Yes, without difficulties	37	36	30	28	18	44
Yes, but with some difficulties	26	24	22	38	48	28
No	37	39	47	34	34	28
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from all the other regions.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from all the other regions.

No comparable data from 2010 available. Question reworded in 2011.

Table 29: In the last 12 months, if you were looking for a dentist but had difficulties accessing one, what sorts of obstacles did you encounter? Single Service

	Overall (%)	Single Service		
		Royal Navy (%)	Army (%)	Royal Air Force (%)
Long waiting lists	46	47*	38*	65**
Lack of available places at dentist	43	67**	55**	
Distance to nearest dentist	26	25	24	32
Problems registering child (ren) as neither parents were registered with dentist	14	17	11*	19
None specified	12	7	14	11
Lack of adequate transportation to get to dentist	10	5*	9	13
Other	7	3*	6*	12*

No comparable data from 2010 available. Question introduced in 2011.

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* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from the other Services.

Columns do not sum to 100% due to instances of multiple difficulties.

Blank areas denote items where no data exists.

Table 30: In the last 12 month, if you were looking for a dentist but had difficulties accessing one, what sorts of obstacles did you encounter? Region

	Overall (%)	Region				
		England (%)	Northern Ireland (%)	Scotland (%)	Wales (%)	Outside the UK (%)
Long waiting lists	46	46	38	61	51	43
Lack of available places at dentist	43	45	61	28	41	33
Distance to nearest dentist	26	29	28	18	20	16
Problems registering child (ren) as neither parents were registered with dentist	14	15	19	20	14	5
None specified	12	12	7	8	16	14
Lack of adequate transportation to get to dentist	10	10	12	7	5	9
Other	7	5	6	8	7	19

No comparable data from 2010 available. Question introduced in 2011.

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from the other regions.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from the other regions.

Columns do not sum to 100% due to instances of multiple difficulties.

Table 31: In the last 12 months, have you or a member of your family been on a waiting list for an operation/consultants appointment? Single Service

	Overall (%)	Single Service		
		Royal Navy (%)	Army (%)	Royal Air Force (%)
Yes	25	26**	21**	32**
No	75	74**	79**	68**
Total	100	100	100	100

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from the other Services.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from the other Services.

No comparable data from 2010 available. Question reworded in 2011.

Table 32: In the last 12 months, have you or a member of your family been on a waiting list for an operation/consultants appointment? Region

	Overall (%)	Region				
		England (%)	Northern Ireland (%)	Scotland (%)	Wales (%)	Outside the UK (%)
Yes	25	24	31	28	37	23
No	75	76	69	72	63	77
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from all the other regions.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from all the other regions.

No comparable data from 2010 available. Question reworded in 2011.

**Table 33: If yes, was your previous waiting time increased as a result of moving location?
Single Service**

	Overall (%)	Single Service		
		Royal Navy (%)	Army (%)	Royal Air Force (%)
Yes	34	31	34	34
No	38	51	39	33
Don't know	9	3	10	10
Unspecified	19	15	16	23
Total	100	100	100	100

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from the other Services.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from the other Services.

No comparable data from 2010 available. Previous question reworded in 2011.

Filtered for those indicating they had moved in the last 12 months and were on a waiting list.

**Table 34: If yes, was your previous waiting time increased as a result of moving location?
Region**

	Overall (%)	Region				
		England (%)	Northern Ireland (%)	Scotland (%)	Wales (%)	Outside the UK (%)
Yes	34	37	36	35	40	22
No	38	37	43	43	43	39
Don't know	9	9	9	3	5	14
Unspecified	19	17	12	20	12	26
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from all the other regions.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from all the other regions.

No comparable data from 2010 available. Previous question reworded in 2011.

Filtered for those indicating they had moved in the last 12 months and were on a waiting list.

Table 35: In the last 12 months, have you or a member of your family been on a waiting list for or undergoing Assisted Conception (e.g. IVF) treatment? Single Service

	Single Service			
	Overall (%)	Royal Navy (%)	Army (%)	Royal Air Force (%)
Yes	2	2	2	3
No or prefer not to say	98	98	98	97
Total	100	100	100	100

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from the other Services.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from the other Services.

No comparable data from 2010 available. Question reworded in 2011.

Table 36: In the last 12 months, have you or a member of your family been on a waiting list for or undergoing Assisted Conception (e.g. IVF) treatment? Region

	Overall (%)	Region				
		England (%)	Northern Ireland (%)	Scotland (%)	Wales (%)	Outside the UK (%)
Yes	2	2	3	2	5	2
No or prefer not to say	98	98	97	98	95	98
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from all the other regions.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from all the other regions.

No comparable data from 2010 available. Question reworded in 2011.

Table 37: In the last 12 months, have you or a member of your family been on a waiting list for or undergoing Assisted Conception (e.g. IVF) treatment? Did your serving spouse or civil partner inform their Chain of Command or Assigning Officer about this prior to the move?

	Overall (%)	Single Service		
		Royal Navy (%)	Army (%)	Royal Air Force (%)
Yes	51	74	54	29
No	32	14	25	57
Prefer not to say/ Don't know/ Unspecified	17	13	20	14
Total	100	100	100	100

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from the other Services.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from the other Services.

Filtered for Those that have moved in the last 12 months.

No comparable data from 2010 available. Question reworded in 2011.

Childcare and Education

Table 38: In the last 12 months, have you experienced any difficulty with the following? Single Service

	Total			Royal Navy			Army			Royal Air Force		
	%	SE	Sig change 2010	%	SE	Sig change 2010	%	SE	Sig change 2010	%	SE	Sig change 2010
Obtaining a place at the school of your choice for your child (ren)												
Yes, considerably	4	.3%		4	.5%		4	.5%		5	.7%	
Yes, some	5	.4%		6	.7%		4	.5%		6	.8%	
No	35	.7%		57**	1.4%		23**	.9%		41**	1.7%	
Obtaining a place at the childcare facilities of your choice for your child (ren)												
Yes, considerably	3	.3%		2	.4%		3	.4%		5	.8%	
Yes, some	7	.4%		7	.7%		6	.5%		8	.9%	
No	28	.7%		51**	1.4%		17**	.8%		29**	1.6%	
Obtaining adequate information about schools for your child (ren) prior to a change in assignment/posting												
Yes, considerably	4	.3%		3	.4%		4	.4%		5	.8%	
Yes, some	6	.4%		5	.6%		5	.5%		8	.9%	
No	27	.7%		42**	1.4%		21**	.9%		26**	1.5%	
Obtaining adequate information about childcare facilities for your child (ren) prior to a change in assignment/posting												
Yes, considerably	4	.3%		2*	.4%		4	.4%		4	.8%	
Yes, some	6	.4%		4	.6%		5	.5%		8*	.9%	
No	25	.7%		39**	1.4%		21	.9%		22	1.5%	
Continuing your children's education without a gap when changing schools												
Yes, considerably	3	.3%	--	1*	.4%	--	3	.4%	--	3	.7%	--
Yes, some	4	.4%	--	3	.6%	--	5	.5%	--	5	.9%	--
No	25	.7%	--	38**	1.4%	--	21	.9%	--	24	1.4%	--
A difference in syllabus content when changing schools												
Yes, considerably	5	.3%	--	3	.3%	--	5	.4%	--	6	.6%	--
Yes, some	7	.3%	--	5**	.5%	--	8	.5%	--	8	.7%	--
No	20	.7%	--	33**	1.4%	--	15	.9%	--	18	1.5%	--
The standard of education in Service schools												
Yes, considerably	3	.2%	--	2	.4%	--	3	.4%	--	2	.5%	- 4.4
Yes, some	4	.3%	--	3	.4%	--	5	.5%	--	4	.6%	--
No	20	.6%	--	32**	1.3%	--	17	.8%	--	17	1.3%	--
Other												
Yes, considerably	2	.2%		<1*	.2%		2	.3%		2	.4%	
Yes, some	<1	.0%		<1	.1%							
No	1	.1%		6	.7%							
<i>Total unweighted count (n)</i>	5,100											

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from both the other services. * = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from both the other services. Columns do not sum to 100% due to instances of multiple difficulties. Blank areas denote items where no data exists.

Table 3937: In the last 12 months, have you experienced any difficulty with the following? Region

		Region					
		Overall (%)	England (%)	Northern Ireland (%)	Scotland (%)	Wales (%)	Outside the UK (%)
Obtaining a place at the school of your choice for your child (ren)	Yes, considerably	4	5	5	3	3	3
	Yes, some	5	6	2	6	3	2
	No	35	34	30	42	40	36
Obtaining a place at the childcare facilities of your choice for your child (ren)	Yes, considerably	3	3	3	3	2	5
	Yes, some	7	6	8	10	7	6
	No	28	28	20	35	27	24
Obtaining adequate information about schools for your child (ren) prior to a change in assignment/posting	Yes, considerably	4	4	2	4	5	3
	Yes, some	6	5	5	6	7	8
	No	27	26	23	29	22	32
Obtaining adequate information about childcare facilities for your child (ren) prior to a change in assignment/posting	Yes, considerably	4	4	2	4	4	3
	Yes, some	6	6	5	7	5	7
	No	25	24	22	26	18	31
Continuing your children's education without a gap when changing schools	Yes, considerably	3	3	3	3	1	3
	Yes, some	4	4	3	3	5	7
	No	25	24	21	26	26	31
A difference in syllabus content when changing schools	Yes, considerably	5	4	4	6	9	6
	Yes, some	7	6	9	7	7	11
	No	20	19	15	19	16	23
The standard of education in Service schools	Yes, considerably	3	2	5	3	2	5
	Yes, some	4	3	2	2	4	10
	No	20	19	17	21	17	28
Other	Yes, considerably	2	1	1	<1	2	4
	Yes, some	<1	<1		<1		
	No	1	1		2	2	<1

Filtered for respondents who said they have children and who moved in the last 12 months.

No comparable data from 2010 available. Questions about school and childcare facilities separated in 2011.

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from all the other regions. * = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from all the other regions.

Columns do not sum to 100% due to instances of multiple difficulties.

Blank areas denote items where no data exists.

Table 40: If you moved in the last 12 months and your child (ren) had to change school, did the following create any difficulties? Single Service

		Single Service			
		Overall (%)	Royal Navy (%)	Army (%)	Royal Air Force (%)
Amount of notice for posting to a new unit	Yes	14	8	15	15
	No	29	26	29	32
Amount of notice for allocation of Service accommodation	Yes	18	10**	19	20
	No	23	19	24	23

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from all the other regions.

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from all the other regions.

No comparable data from 2010 available. Question reworded in 2011.

Filtered for respondents who said they have children and who moved in the last 12 months.

Table 41: If you moved in the last 12 months and your child (ren) had to change school, did the following create any difficulties? Region

		Region					
		Overall (%)	England (%)	Northern Ireland (%)	Scotland (%)	Wales (%)	Outside the UK (%)
Amount of notice for posting to a new unit	Yes	14	15	17	10	17	9
	No	29	27	21	28	34	40
Amount of notice for allocation of Service accommodation	Yes	18	20	19	13	17	14
	No	23	20	18	21	33	35

No comparable data from 2010 available. Question reworded in 2011.

Filtered for respondents who said they have children and who moved in the last 12 months.

Table 42: If you moved in the last 12 months, did your child encounter difficulties with obtaining a place at...? Single Service

		Single Service			
		Overall (%)	Royal Navy (%)	Army (%)	Royal Air Force (%)
A state school	Yes	11	10	10	13
	No	30	26	32	28
A state boarding school	Yes	<1		<1	
	No	4	7	4	3
A private day school	Yes	1	1	1	<1
	No	5	10	4	5
A private boarding school	Yes	<1	<1	<1	2
	No	6	10	5	4

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* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from the other Services.

Blank areas denote items where no data exists.

Filtered for Respondent has children and has moved in last 12 months. Figures should be read with caution as there were generally low responses to this question.

Table 43: If you moved in the last 12 months, did your child encounter difficulties with obtaining a place at...? Region

		Region					
		Overall (%)	England (%)	Northern Ireland (%)	Scotland (%)	Wales (%)	Outside the UK (%)
A state school	Yes	11	14	7	12	9	2
	No	30	28	32	27	34	38
A state boarding school	Yes	<1	<1				
	No	4	3		5	1	7
A private day school	Yes	1	<1	4	2		1
	No	5	4		3	7	9
A private boarding school	Yes	<1	<1		<1		
	No	6	5	2	6	3	9

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* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from the other regions.

Blank areas denote items where no data exists.

Filtered for Respondent has children and has moved in last 12 months.

Figures should be read with caution as there were generally low responses to this question.

Table 44: If you moved in the last 12 months and you experienced problems placing your child (ren) at the school of your choice, what difficulties did you encounter? Single Service

	Overall (%)	Single Service		
		Royal Navy (%)	Army (%)	Royal Air Force (%)
Insufficient places at school of choice	54	30	63	51
Insufficient places at local school	35	20	36	41
School admission application period does not coincide with notification of assignment	28	15	26	36
Insufficient places at school (s) in catchment area	26	15	22	39
Unsuitable educational standard of local school	18	9	22	18
Local Authority was unsupportive	16	6	18	18
Insufficient transportation to school	10	1*	10	15
Distance to school	10	8	18	
Children could not attend same school	10	7	11	11
Special Educational Needs (SEN) related difficulties	5	8	4	4
Other	4		8*	

Filtered for respondents who said they have children and who moved in the last 12 months.

No comparable data from 2010 available. Question reworded in 2011.

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from the other Services.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from the other Services. Blank areas denote items where no data exists.

Table 45: If you moved in the last 12 months and you experienced problems placing your child (ren) at the school of your choice, what difficulties did you encounter? Region

	Overall (%)	Region				
		England (%)	Northern Ireland (%)	Scotland (%)	Wales (%)	Outside the UK (%)
Insufficient transportation to school	10	10	18	11	5	15
Distance to school	10	9	18	8	19	21
Insufficient places at school of choice	54	56	44	41	32	49
Insufficient places at local school	35	37	18	28	12	29
Insufficient places at school (s) in catchment area	26	25	48	31	9	34
Unsuitable educational standard of local school	18	19	31	16	5	18
Children could not attend same school	10	10		5	9	26
Special Educational Needs (SEN) related difficulties	5	5	11	6	7	4
School admission application period does not coincide with notification of assignment	28	30	18	16	9	14
Local Authority was unsupportive	16	17	18	14	18	6
Other	4	4				7

No comparable data from 2010 available. Question reworded in 2011.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from all the other regions.

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from all the other regions. Blank areas denote items where no data exists.

Filtered for respondents who said they have children and who moved in the last 12 months.

Table 46: Do you have any children with Special Educational Needs (SEN)? (For Scotland, SEN is termed Additional Support Needs) Single Service

	Total			Royal Navy			Army			Royal Air Force		
	%	SE	Sig change 2010	%	SE	Sig change 2010	%	SE	Sig change 2010	%	SE	Sig change 2010
Yes	8	.4%	--	8	.8%	--	8	.6%	- 2.5	7	.9%	--
No	73	.7%	- 12.0	9	1.4%	- 9.4	74	1.0%	- 16.8	81	1.3%	--
Not applicable	19	.6%	+ 13.2	10	1.3%	+ 7.9	17	.8%	+ 19.3	12	1.1%	--
<i>Total unweighted count (n)</i>	6500											

-- = The difference with 2010 is not significant at the $p < 0.01$ level.

Indicates no comparison possible.

Filtered for respondents who said they have children.

Table 47: Do you have any children with Special Educational Needs (SEN)? (For Scotland, SEN is termed Additional Support Needs) Region

	Overall (%)	Region				
		England (%)	Northern Ireland (%)	Scotland (%)	Wales (%)	Outside the UK (%)
Yes	8	8	8	8	10	6
No	73	73	73	72	73	77
Not applicable	19	19	19	20	18	17
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from all the other regions.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from all the other regions.

No comparable data available for regions due to different sampling design in 2011.

Filtered for respondents who said they have children.

Table 48: If yes, and you have moved in the last 12 months, was their Special Educational Needs (SEN) support ...?(For Scotland, SEN is termed Additional Support Needs) Single Service

	Total			Royal Navy			Army			Royal Air Force		
	%	SE	Sig change 2010	%	SE	Sig change 2010	%	SE	Sig change 2010	%	SE	Sig change 2010
Continued without disruption	43	5.3%	--	56	11.8%	--	43	6.8%	--	38	10.7%	--
Continued after a time lag	34	5.0%	--	41	11.6%	--	40	6.8%	--	17	8.0%	--
Not continued	10	3.2%	--	3	3.2%	--	13	4.7%	--	7	5.5%	--
<i>Total unweighted count (n)</i>	100											

-- = The difference with 2010 is not significant at the $p < 0.01$ level.

Indicates no comparison possible.

Filtered for respondents who said they have children and who moved in the last 12 months.

Table 49: If yes, and you have moved in the last 12 months, was their Special Educational Needs (SEN) support...?(For Scotland, SEN is termed Additional Support Needs) Region

	Overall (%)	Region				
		England (%)	Northern Ireland (%)	Scotland (%)	Wales (%)	Outside the UK (%)
Continued without disruption	43	43	26	24	35	52
Continued after a time lag	34	31	74	54	50	32
Not continued	10	8		16		16
Total	100	83	100	94	85	100

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* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from all the other regions.

Blank areas denote items where no data exists.

No comparable data available for regions due to different sampling design in 2011.

Filtered for respondents who said they have children and who moved in the last 12 months.

Table 50: With regards to the use of boarding schools, please indicate whether...You would consider sending your child (ren) to boarding school. Single Service

	Total			Royal Navy			Army			Royal Air Force		
	%	SE	Sig change 2010	%	SE	Sig change 2010	%	SE	Sig change 2010	%	SE	Sig change 2010
Yes	25	.7%	+ 2.7	25	1.3%	--	26	1.0%	+ 6.7	22	1.4%	--
No	33	.8%	+ 5.1	41**	1.4%	--	31	1.1%	+ 9.2	30	1.6%	--
Not applicable	42	.8%	+ 5.8	34**	1.4%	--	43*	1.1%	+ 8.6	48*	1.7%	--
<i>Total unweighted count (n)</i>												
5100												

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from the other Services.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from the other Services.

-- = The difference with 2010 is not significant at the $p < 0.01$ level.

Indicates no comparison possible.

Filtered for respondents who said they have children.

Table 51: With regards to the use of boarding schools, please indicate whether you would consider sending your child (ren) to boarding school. Region

	Overall (%)	Region				
		England (%)	Northern Ireland (%)	Scotland (%)	Wales (%)	Outside the UK (%)
Yes	25	25	27	21	22	26
No	33	33	34	36	36	28
Not applicable	42	42	39	43	42	46
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from all the other regions.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from all the other regions.

No comparable data available for regions due to different sampling design in 2011.

Filtered for respondents who said they have children.

Table 52: If you have children please indicate whether...You already send your child(ren) to boarding school * Single Service

	Overall (%)	Single Service		
		Royal Navy (%)	Army (%)	Royal Air Force (%)
Yes	9	9	9	10
No	39			
Not applicable	52	50**	38**	32**
Total	100	100	100	100

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from both the other services.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from both the other services.

Blank areas denote items where no data exists.

Table 53: If you have children please indicate whether...You already send your child(ren) to boarding school * Region

	Overall (%)	Region				
		England (%)	Northern Ireland (%)	Scotland (%)	Wales (%)	Outside the UK (%)
Yes	9	9	6	9	5	11
No	39	40	39	37	37	37
Not applicable	52	52	55	54	57	51
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from all the other regions.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from all the other regions.

Blank areas denote items where no data exists.

Table 54: If you have children, please indicate whether...If you are eligible, you *already use* the Continuity of Education Allowance (CEA) to send your children to boarding school.
Single Service

	Overall (%)	Single Service		
		Royal Navy (%)	Army (%)	Royal Air Force (%)
Yes	89	89	88	88
No	5	4	5	5
Unspecified	7	6	7	7
Total	100	100	100	100

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from both the other services.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from both the other services.

Table 385: If you have children, please indicate whether... If you are eligible, you *already use* the Continuity of Education Allowance (CEA) to send your children to boarding school.
Region

	Overall (%)	Region				
		England (%)	Northern Ireland (%)	Scotland (%)	Wales (%)	Outside the UK (%)
Yes	89	91	92	70	80	86
No	5	4	8	12		5
Unspecified	7	5		18	20	10
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from both the other services.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from both the other services.

Blank areas denote items where no data exists.

Table 56: If you have children, please indicate whether, If you are eligible, you *would use* the Continuity of Education Allowance (CEA) to send your children to boarding school.
Single Service

	Overall (%)	Single Service		
		Royal Navy (%)	Army (%)	Royal Air Force (%)
Yes	78	84*	77	76
No	5	5	5	3
Unspecified	17	11*	17	22
Total	100	100	100	100

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from the other Services.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from the other Services.

No comparable data available for regions due to different sampling design in 2011

Filtered for those who indicated they have children and would consider sending children to boarding school.

Table 57: If you have children, please indicate whether, If you are eligible, you *would use* the Continuity of Education Allowance (CEA) to send your children to boarding school.
Region

	Overall (%)	Region				
		England (%)	Northern Ireland (%)	Scotland (%)	Wales (%)	Outside the UK (%)
Yes	78	78	70	78	78	81
No	5	5	6	3	2	3
Unspecified	17	17	24	19	20	16
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from all the other regions.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from all the other regions.

No comparable data available for regions due to different sampling design in 2011.

Filtered for those who indicated they have children and would consider sending children to boarding school.

Table 58: In the last 12 months, have you or anyone in your family experienced difficulties with the following due to the mobility of Service life? Single Services

		Overall (%)	Single Service		
			Royal Navy (%)	Army (%)	Royal Air Force (%)
a) Accessing further or higher education	Yes	12	7**	15**	11**
	No	37	48**	34	35
	Not applicable	46	44	49**	42
b) Continuing courses that you/your family started in a previous location	Yes	9	4**	11	9
	No	34	42**	31	32
	Not applicable	52	51*	56*	46*

Filtered for those who moved in the last 12 months.

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from both the other services.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from both the other services.

Table 59: In the last 12 months, have you or anyone in your family experienced difficulties with the following due to the mobility of Service life? Region

me: Region		Overall (%)	Region				
			England (%)	Northern Ireland (%)	Scotland (%)	Wales (%)	Outside the UK (%)
a) Accessing further or higher education	Yes	12	11	12	8	13	22
	No	37	37	37	40	39	34
	Not applicable	46	46	49	46	43	42
b) Continuing courses that you/ your family started in a previous location	Yes	9	8	11	7	11	15
	No	34	34	33	35	32	30
	Not applicable	52	52	54	52	52	52

No comparable data available for regions due to different sampling design in 2011.

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** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from all the other regions.

Filtered for those who moved in the last 12 months

**Table 60: Do the childcare facilities offered locally meet your needs in terms of...?
Single Services**

			Single Service		
		Overall (%)	Royal Navy (%)	Army (%)	Royal Air Force (%)
Access to facilities (e.g. distance, transportation)	Yes, sufficiently	27	29	26	26
	Yes, to some extent	18	18	20	15
	No	5	4	7**	4
	None offered	3	3	4	2
	Not applicable	40	35	39	46**
Quality of facilities	Yes, sufficiently	25	29*	24	24
	Yes, to some extent	20	19	22	18
	No	5	3	7**	4
	None offered	3	2	4	1
	Not applicable	40	35*	40*	46*
Cost of facilities	Yes, sufficiently	19	22*	18	17
	Yes, to some extent	20	19	22	18
	No	11	9	12	10
	None offered	3	3	4	2
	Not applicable	42	36**	42*	47*
Hours of care (i.e. opening times)	Yes, sufficiently	20	25**	20	18
	Yes, to some extent	18	18	18	17
	No	10	8	12**	8
	None offered	3	2	3	2
	Not applicable	42	36**	42*	48*

Filtered for respondents who said they have children.

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from both the other services.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from both the other services.

Table 61: Do the childcare facilities offered locally meet your needs in terms of...? Region

			Region					
			Overall (%)	England (%)	Northern Ireland (%)	Scotland (%)	Wales (%)	Outside the UK (%)
Access to facilities (e.g. distance, transportation)	Yes, sufficiently	27	28	32	27	17	24	
	Yes, to some extent	18	17	17	16	16	22	
	No	5	5	5	5	6	9	
	None offered	3	3	3	2	3	4	
	Not applicable	40	41	40	42	54	35	
Quality of facilities	Yes, sufficiently	25	26	30	26	18	20	
	Yes, to some extent	20	19	18	17	14	26	
	No	5	4	7	4	4	11	
	None offered	3	3	2	2	3	3	
	Not applicable	40	41	41	42	57	35	
Cost of facilities	Yes, sufficiently	19	19	22	19	12	16	
	Yes, to some extent	20	20	21	17	15	20	
	No	11	9	11	10	8	17	
	None offered	3	3	2	2	2	3	
	Not applicable	42	42	42	43	60	38	
Hours of care (i.e. opening times)	Yes, sufficiently	20	22	20	21	15	15	
	Yes, to some extent	18	18	19	18	12	20	
	No	10	9	15	7	8	19	
	None offered	3	3	2	3	<1	3	
	Not applicable	42	43	42	44	61	39	

No comparable data available for regions due to different sampling design in 2011.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from all the other regions.

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from all the other regions.

Filtered for respondents who said they have children.

Deployment and Employment

Table 62: In the last 12 months, have you or your family accompanied your spouse on overseas assignments? Single Service

	Total			Royal Navy			Army			Royal Air Force		
	%	SE	Sig change 2010	%	SE	Sig change 2010	%	SE	Sig change 2010	%	SE	Sig change 2010
Yes	15	.4%	--	6**	.4%	--	21**	.6%	--	9**	.6%	--
No	81	.5%	--	93**	.5%	--	79	.6%	--	79	1.1%	- 4.8
Unspecified	4	.3%	--	<1	.2%	+ 0.7	<1	.1%	- 1.1	12**	1.0%	+ 3.7
<i>Total unweighted count (n)</i> 6500												

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from all the other regions.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from all the other regions.

-- = The difference with 2010 is not significant at the $p < 0.01$ level.

Indicates no comparison possible.

Filtered for those who moved in the last 12 months.

Table 63: In the last 12 months, have you or your family accompanied your spouse on overseas assignments? Region

	Overall (%)	Region				
		England (%)	Northern Ireland (%)	Scotland (%)	Wales (%)	Outside the UK (%)
Yes	15	6	18**	4	6	64**
No	81	90	80**	92	93	33**
Unspecified	4	4	2	4	1	3
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from all the other regions.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from all the other regions.

No comparable data available for regions due to different sampling design in 2011.

Filtered for those who moved in the last 12 months.

Table 64: If yes, did you experience difficulty with any of the following? Single Services

		Total			Royal Navy			Army			Royal Air Force		
				Sig change			Sig change			Sig change			Sig change
		%	SE	2010	%	SE	2010	%	SE	2010	%	SE	2010
Obtaining paid employment	Yes, a lot	42	1.6%	+ 9.9	33	4.1%	--	43	1.9%	+ 12.5	42	3.7%	--
	Yes, some	19	1.3%	--	22	3.8%	--	17	1.5%	- 8.9	26	3.7%	--
	No	20	1.3%	--	14	2.8%	--	22	1.7%	--	14	2.7%	--
Information obtained before going overseas	Yes, a lot	21	.8%		24	2.7%		22	1.0%		19	1.8%	
	Yes, some	22	1.4%		24	3.7%		21	1.7%		22	3.3%	
	No	46	1.3%		37	3.6%		47	1.6%		44	3.4%	
Maintaining a National Insurance contribution record	Yes, a lot	24	1.4%	--	17	3.2%	--	24	1.7%	--	27	3.8%	--
	Yes, some	11	1.0%	--	18	3.1%	--	10	1.2%	--	15	2.7%	--
	No	31	1.5%	--	25	3.6%	--	32	1.8%	--	34	3.8%	--
<i>Total unweighted count (n)</i>		1300											

-- = The difference with 2010 is not significant at the $p < 0.01$ level.

Indicates no comparison possible.

Filtered for those who moved in the last 12 months.

Table 65: If yes, did you experience difficulty with any of the following? Region

		Region					
		Overall (%)	England (%)	Northern Ireland (%)	Scotland (%)	Wales (%)	Outside the UK (%)
Obtaining paid employment	Yes, a lot	42	41	42	31	50	43
	Yes, some	19	23	20	8	8	18
	No	20	21	27	33	11	20
Information obtained before going overseas (please specify)	Yes, a lot	21	25	18	22	18	20
	Yes, some	22	18	22	9	18	24
	No	46	47	49	46	58	45
Maintaining a National Insurance contribution record	Yes, a lot	24	30	16	27	38	22
	Yes, some	11	12	2	23	8	11
	No	31	30	45	13	24	32

No comparable data available for regions due to different sampling design in 2011.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from all the other regions.

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from all the other regions.

Filtered for those who moved in the last 12 months.

Table 66: If you accompanied your spouse on an overseas assignment and you maintained a National Insurance contribution record, was this because you applied for National Insurance credits? Single Service

	Overall (%)	Single Service		
		Royal Navy (%)	Army (%)	Royal Air Force (%)
Yes	8	15	6*	13
No	28	22	29	26
Not applicable	52	55	54	42
Total	88	93	89	82

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from the other Services.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from the other Services.

No comparison data available. Questions introduced in 2011.

Filtered for those who had accompanied their spouse on overseas assignments.

Table 67: If you accompanied your spouse on an overseas assignment and you maintained a National Insurance contribution record, was this because you applied for National Insurance credits? Region

	Overall (%)	Region				
		England (%)	Northern Ireland (%)	Scotland (%)	Wales (%)	Outside the UK (%)
Yes	8	7	2	9	15	9
No	28	28	43	32	40	27
Not applicable	52	50	45	49	34	53
Total	88	85	90	90	88	89

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from all the other regions.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from all the other regions.

No comparable data available for regions due to different sampling design in 2011.

Table 68: What is your current employment status? Single Servic

	Total			Royal Navy			Army			Royal Air Force		
	%	SE	Sig change	%	SE	Sig change 2010	%	SE	Sig change 2010	%	SE	Sig change 2010
In full-time employment	34	.7%	--	38	1.2%	--	30	.9%	--	37	1.4%	--
In part-time employment	24	.6%	--	28*	1.1%	--	22	.8%	--	23	1.2%	--
Self employed	4	.3%	--	6	.6%	--	3*	.3%	--	5	.6%	--
Homemaker/Parent at home	22	.6%	--	19	1.0%	- 5.2	25**	.9%	--	19	1.1%	--
Not employed - seeking employment	7	.4%	--	4**	.5%	--	8	.5%	--	8	.8%	--
Not employed - not seeking employment	2	.2%	--	1	.3%	--	2	.2%	--	2	.4%	--
In full-time education/personal development	1	.2%	--	1	.3%	--	1	.3%	--	1	.3%	--
In part-time education	<1	.1%	--	<1	.1%	- 2.0	<1	.1%	--	2**	.4%	--
In unpaid voluntary work	1	.2%	--	<1	.2%	- 2.0	<1	.1%	--	3**	.5%	--
My immigration status means that I am unable to work	<1	.0%	--	<1	.1%	--	<1	.1%	--	<1	.1%	--
<i>Total unweighted count (n)</i>	6500											

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from both the other services.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from both the other services.

Blank areas denote items where no data exists.

█ Indicates no comparison possible.

Table 69: What is your current employment status? Region

	Overall (%)	Region				
		England (%)	Northern Ireland (%)	Scotland (%)	Wales (%)	Outside the UK (%)
In full-time employment	34	36	30	35	36	22
In part-time employment	24	24	20	26	21	22
Self employed	4	4	3	5	4	2
Homemaker/Parent at home	22	20	27	21	24	29
Not employed - seeking employment	7	6	11	5	4	13
Not employed - not seeking employment	2	1	2	3	1	3
In full-time education/personal development	1	2	<1	<1	<1	<1
In part-time education	<1	<1		<1	2	<1
In unpaid voluntary work	1	1	1	2	<1	2
My immigration status means that I am unable to work	<1	<1				<1
<i>Total unweighted count (n)</i>	6500					

No comparable data available for regions due to different sampling design in 2011.

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** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from all the other regions.

Blank areas denote items where no data exists.

Table 70: Have you ever served in the Armed Forces? Single Service

	Total			Royal Navy			Army			Royal Air Force		
	%	SE	Sig change 2010	%	SE	Sig change 2010	%	SE	Sig change 2010	%	SE	Sig change 2010
Yes, I am still serving	8	.4%	+ 2.7	5	.5%	--	5	.4%	+ 1.9	17	1.1%	+ 5.2
Yes, but I am no longer serving	11	.4%	--	13	.9%	--	10	.5%	--	14	1.0%	--
No, I have never served	80	.6%	- 2.7	82	1.0%	--	85	.7%	--	69	1.3%	- 5.2
<i>Total unweighted count (n)</i>	6500											

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-- = The difference with 2010 is not significant at the $p < 0.01$ level.

Indicates no comparison possible.

Table 71: Have you ever served in the Armed Forces? Region

	Overall (%)	Region				
		England (%)	Northern Ireland (%)	Scotland (%)	Wales (%)	Outside the UK (%)
Yes, I am still serving	8	9	8	9	4	6
Yes, but I am no longer serving	11	11	8	12	17	11
No, I have never served	80	79	84	79	80	83
Unspecified	<1	<1	<1	<1		<1
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

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* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from all the other region.

Blank areas denote items where no data exists.

No comparable data available for regions due to different sampling design in 2011.

Table 72: In the last 12 months, if you have had difficulty obtaining employment, did you use a Government scheme to help you find employment? Single Service

	Overall (%)	Single Service		
		Royal Navy (%)	Army (%)	Royal Air Force (%)
Yes	4	3	5	4
No	36	36	39	29**
Not applicable	54	59**	53	53
Unspecified	6	2**	3**	14**
Total	100	100	100	100

** = significant at the $p < 0.01$ level from the other Services.

* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from the other Services.

No comparable data available. Questions reworded in 2011.

Table 73: In the last 12 months, if you have had difficulty obtaining employment, did you use a Government scheme to help you find employment? Region

	Overall (%)	Region				
		England (%)	Northern Ireland (%)	Scotland (%)	Wales (%)	Outside the UK (%)
Yes	4	4	6	4	4	3
No	36	35	40	35	33	39
Not applicable	54	54	52	55	60	54
Unspecified	6	6	2	5	4	4
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

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* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from all the other regions.

No comparable data available for regions due to different sampling design in 2011.

**Table 74: If yes, did this contribute to helping you find employment?
Single Service**

	Overall (%)	Single Service		
		Royal Navy (%)	Army (%)	Royal Air Force (%)
Yes	21	18	26	12
No	69	80	62	78
Don't know	5		8	
Unspecified	5	1	4	10
Total	100	100	100	100

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* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from the other Services.

Blank areas denote items where no data exists.

No comparable data available. Question reworded in 2011.

Table 75: If yes, did this contribute to helping you find employment? Region

	Overall (%)	Region				
		England (%)	Northern Ireland (%)	Scotland (%)	Wales (%)	Outside the UK (%)
Yes	21	22	25	7	30	25
No	69	69	62	88	48	61
Don't know	5	5	5			6
Unspecified	5	4	8	5	22	9
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

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* = significant at the $p < 0.05$ level from all the other regions.

Blank areas denote items where no data exists.

No comparable data available for regions due to different sampling design in 2011.

Table 76: Have you experienced any of the following? Single Services

		Total			Royal Navy			Army			Royal Air Force		
		%	SE	Sig change 2010	%	SE	Sig change 2010	%	SE	Sig change 2010	%	SE	Sig change 2010
Difficulty finding a job due to a lack of relevant qualifications	Yes	11	.4%	- 3.7	10	.8%	--	12	.7%	- 5.0	8	.8%	--
	No	66	.7%	- 12.1	67**	1.2%	- 18.2	72**	.9%	--	54**	1.4%	- 26.7
	NA/Unspecified	24	.6%	+ 15.8	23**	1.1%	+ 20.3	16**	.7%	+ 7.6	39**	1.4%	+ 28.2
Difficulty finding a job because of your employment history (i.e. moving jobs frequently)	Yes	22	.6%	- 3.5	14**	.9%	--	25	.8%	--	22	1.2%	- 5.1
	No	55	.7%	- 11.8	60	1.2%	- 21.7	61	1.0%	--	41**	1.4%	- 22.1
	NA/Unspecified	23	.6%	+ 15.3	26**	1.1%	+ 23.3	14**	.7%	+ 5.9	38**	1.4%	+ 27.3
Difficulty finding a job because you were overseas with your spouse/civil partner	Yes	19	.5%	- 2.3	7**	.6%	--	26**	.8%	--	16**	1.0%	- 4.6
	No	49	.7%	- 20.0	50**	1.3%	- 38.2	60**	.9%	--	28**	1.3%	- 39.0
	NA/Unspecified	31	.6%	+ 22.2	43**	1.3%	+ 38.2	14**	.7%	+ 4.6	56**	1.4%	+ 43.6
Difficulty finding a job because your spouse is often away	Yes	27	.6%		27	1.1%		30	.9%		21**	1.2%	
	No	50	.7%		48**	1.3%		57**	1.0%		38**	1.4%	
	NA/Unspecified	23	.6%		24**	1.1%		12**	.6%		41**	1.4%	
Total unweighted count (n)		6500											

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Indicates no comparison possible.

Table 77: Have you experienced any of the following? Region

		Overall (%)	Region				
			England (%)	Northern Ireland (%)	Scotland (%)	Wales (%)	Outside the UK (%)
Difficulty finding a job due to a lack of relevant qualifications	Yes	11	10	13	9	13	11
	No	66	65	67	61	63	69
	NA/ Unspecified	24	24	19	30	24	19
Difficulty finding a job because of your employment history (i.e. moving jobs frequently)	Yes	22	21	26	21	26	22
	No	55	55	55	51	52	60
	NA/ Unspecified	23	24	19	28	21	18
Difficulty finding a job because you were overseas with your spouse/civil partner	Yes	19	14	24	12	14	48**
	No	49	52	61	45	55	38
	NA/ Unspecified	31	34	15	43	31	14
Difficulty finding a job because your spouse is often away	Yes	27	27	34	28	28	27
	No	50	50	51	44	51	57
	NA/ Unspecified	23	24	14	29	22	17

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Blank areas denote items where no data exists.

Annex A

Tri-Service Families Survey – FAMCAS 2011

Version 8

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Survey Sections**Tables in Report****Section 1: Accommodation****1. Have you moved in the last 12 months?****Table 5**

- 1) Yes
- 2) No

2. Do you own your own home?**Table 6****Table 7**

- 1) Yes, I am living in it
- 2) Yes, but not living in it
- 3) No, but previously owned own home
- 4) No, I have never owned my own home

3. If you own your own home, did you buy it in the last 12 months?**Table 8****Table 10**

- 1) Yes
- 2) No
- 3) Not applicable

4. If you own your own home AND bought it in the last 12 months, did you make use of a scheme to buy it?**Table 9****Table 11**

- 1) Yes (please specify which scheme)
- 2) No, I didn't know that schemes were available
- 3) No, I didn't need to use a scheme
- 4) No (other reason)

5. If you don't own your own home, why not?**Table 12****Table 13***(please tick all that apply)*

- 1) I/we don't want to own a home at this stage in my/our life/career(s)
- 2) I am expecting my spouse to be posted overseas or to an area where I/we don't want to buy a home
- 3) Living in Service accommodation is better suited to my family's needs at present
- 4) I/we want to be able to move about when my spouse is posted
- 5) I/we don't want to buy a home where we are currently located
- 6) I/we can't afford to buy a suitable home at the moment
- 7) I/we had difficulties getting a mortgage
- 8) I/we wouldn't be able to live in the home
- 9) I/we were not aware of support available to buy accommodation
- 10) Other (please write) (open textbox)

6. What type of accommodation do you live in during the working week?	Table 14 Table 15
1) Privately owned home 2) Privately rented 3) SSFA (ie [Service specific information]) 4) SFA (ie [Service specific information]) 5) SLA (ie [Service specific information]) 6) Housing Association 7) Local Housing Authority 8) With parents/relatives 9) Other, please specify	
7. What type of accommodation would you <i>prefer</i> to live in during the working week?	Table 16
1) Privately owned home 2) Privately rented 3) SSFA (ie [Service specific information]) 4) SFA (ie [Service specific information]) 5) SLA (ie [Service specific information]) 6) Housing Association 7) Local Housing Authority 8) With parents/relatives 9) Other, please specify	
8. If you live in Service provided accommodation and this needed to be adapted for a family member with special needs, was this work carried out...	Table 17 Table 18
1) to your satisfaction 2) with some difficulties but still acceptable 3) with unacceptable difficulties 4) Not applicable – I/we do not live in a Service provided house	
9. In the last 12 months, have you had difficulty maintaining your status on the electoral voting register? 1) Yes, 2) No, 3) Don't know	Table 19 Table 20
10. What part of the UK (or country) do you currently live in? 1) England 2) Northern Ireland 3) Scotland 4) Wales 5) Outside the UK (please specify which country)	Table 21

11. Where is your spouse/civil partner currently stationed (if onboard a ship or boat please indicate where their base port is)?	Table 23
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- 1) England
- 2) Northern Ireland
- 3) Scotland
- 4) Wales
- 5) Outside the UK (please specify which country)

Section 2: Healthcare

12. If you/your family needed to access a dentist in the last 12 months, were you able to?	Table 24
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- 1) Yes
- 2) No
- 3) I/my family was not looking for a dentist in this period

13. If yes, what solution did you achieve? (please tick all that apply)	Table 26
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- 1) Paying treatment provided by the NHS
- 2) Free treatment provided by the NHS
- 3) Fully private dental treatment
- 4) Other

14. If you moved in the last 12 months while undergoing a course of dental treatment, have you been able to continue the treatment in your new location?	Table 27
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- 1) Yes, without difficulties
- 2) Yes, but with some difficulties
- 3) No (please specify)

15. In the last 12 months, if you were looking for a dentist but had difficulties, what sorts of obstacles did you encounter: (please tick all that apply)	Table 29
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- 1) Distance to nearest dentist
- 2) Lack of adequate transportation to get to dentist
- 3) Problems registering child (ren) as neither parents were registered with dentist
- 4) Long waiting lists
- 5) Lack of available places at dentist
- 6) Not applicable
- 7) Other (please specify)

16. In the last 12 months, have you or a member of your family been on a waiting list for an operation/consultants appointment?	Table 31
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- 1) Yes
 - 2) No (please go to Question 24)
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17. If yes, was your previous waiting time increased as a result of moving location?	Table 33
1) Yes	Table 34
2) No	
3) Don't know	
4) Not applicable	

The following questions are asked because the Ministry of Defence endeavours to ensure that those undergoing Assisted Conception Treatment do not move until the cycle of Assisted Conception treatment is complete if they have informed their Chain of Command or Commanding Officer of the treatment.

18. In the last 12 months, have you or a member of your family been...?	Table 35
1) Yes, 2) No 3) Prefer not to say	Table 36
a) On a waiting list for Assisted Conception (e.g. IVF) treatment	
b) Undergoing Assisted Conception (e.g. IVF) treatment	

19. If yes, AND if you have moved in the last 12 months, did your serving spouse or civil partner inform their Chain of Command or Assigning Officer about this prior to the move?	Table 37
1) Yes	
2) No	
3) Prefer not to say	
4) Don't know	
5) Not applicable	

Section 3: Childcare and Education

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE CHILDREN PLEASE GO TO QUESTION 33

20. In the last 12 months, have you experienced any difficulty with the following?	Table 38
1) Yes, considerably, 2) Yes, some, 3) No, 4) Does not apply	Table 39
a) Obtaining a place at the school of your choice for your child (ren)	
b) Obtaining a place at the childcare facilities of your choice for your child (ren)	
c) Obtaining adequate information about schools for your child (ren) prior to a change in assignment/posting	
d) Obtaining adequate information about childcare facilities for your child (ren) prior to a change in assignment/posting	
e) Continuing your children's education without a gap when changing schools	
f) A difference in syllabus content when changing schools	
g) The standard of education in Service schools	
h) Other (please specify)	

21. If you moved in the last 12 months and your child (ren) had to change school, did the following create any difficulties?	Table 40 Table 41
1) Yes, 2) No 3) Not applicable a) Amount of notice for posting to a new unit b) Amount of notice for allocation of Service accommodation	
22. If you moved in the last 12 months, did your child encounter difficulties with obtaining a place at...?	Table 42 Table 43
1) Yes, 2) No, 3) Not applicable a) A state school b) A state boarding school c) A private day school d) A private boarding school	
23. If you moved in the last 12 months and you experienced problems placing your child (ren) at the school of your choice, what difficulties did you encounter?	Table 44 Table 45
1) Insufficient transportation to school 2) Distance to school 2) Insufficient places at school of choice 3) Insufficient places at local school 4) Insufficient places at school (s) in catchment area 5) Unsuitable educational standard of local school 6) Children could not attend same school 7) Special Educational Needs (SEN) related difficulties 8) School admission application period does not coincide with notification of assignment 9) Local Authority was unsupportive 10) Other (please specify)	
24. Do you have any children with Special Educational Needs (SEN)? (For Scotland, SEN is termed Additional Support Needs)	Table 46 Table 47
1) Yes 2) No 3) Not applicable	
25. If yes, and you have moved in the last 12 months, was their Special Educational Needs (SEN) support ...?	Table 48 Table 49
(For Scotland, SEN is termed Additional Support Needs) (please tick one box only) a) Continued without disruption b) Continued after a time lag c) Not continued	

26. With regards to the use of boarding schools, please indicate whether...	Table 50
1) Yes, 2) No, 3) Not applicable	Table 51
a) You would consider sending your child(ren) to boarding school	Table 52
b) You already send your child(ren) to boarding school	Table 53
c) If you are eligible, you would use the Continuity of Education Allowance (CEA) to send your children to boarding school	Table 54
d) If you are eligible, you already use the Continuity of Education Allowance (CEA) to send your children to boarding school	Table 55
	Table 56
	Table 57

27. In the last 12 months, have you or anyone in your family experienced difficulties with the following due to the mobility of Service life?	Table 58
1) Yes, 2) No, 3) Not applicable	Table 59
a) Accessing further or higher education	
b) Continuing courses that you/your family started in a previous location	

28. Do the childcare facilities offered locally meet your needs in terms of...?	Table 60
1) Yes, sufficiently, 2) Yes, to some extent, 3) No, 4) None offered, 5) Not applicable	Table 61
a) Access to facilities (e.g. distance, transportation)	
b) Quality of facilities	
c) Cost of facilities	
d) Hours of care (i.e. opening times)	

Section 4: Deployment, Tours, and Assignments

29. In the last 12 months, have you or your family accompanied your spouse on overseas assignments/postings?	Table 62
1) Yes, 2) No	Table 63
30. If yes, did you experience difficulty with any of the following?	Table 64
1) Yes, a lot, 2) Yes, some, 3) No, 4) Not applicable	Table 65
a) Obtaining paid employment	
b) Information obtained before going overseas (please specify)	
c) Maintaining a National Insurance contribution record	
31. If you accompanied your spouse on an overseas assignment and you maintained a National Insurance contribution record, was this because you applied for National Insurance credits?	Table 66
1) Yes, 2) No 3) Not applicable	Table 67

Section 5: Employment

32. What is your current employment status?

Table 68

Table 69

(please tick all that apply)

- 1) In full-time employment
- 2) In part-time employment
- 3) Self employed
- 4) Homemaker/Parent at home
- 5) Not employed - seeking employment
- 6) Not employed - not seeking employment
- 7) In full-time education/personal development
- 8) In part-time education
- 9) In unpaid voluntary work
- 10) My immigration status means that I am unable to work

33. Have you ever served in the Armed Forces?

Table 70

Table 71

- 1) Yes, I am still serving
- 2) Yes, but I am no longer serving
- 3) No, I have never served

34. In the last 12 months, if you have had difficulty obtaining employment, did you use a Government scheme to help you find employment?

Table 72

Table 73

- 1) Yes (please specify)
- 2) No
- 3) Not applicable

35. If yes, did this contribute to helping you find employment?

Table 74

- a. Yes, 2) No, 3) Don't know

Table 75

36. Have you experienced any of the following?

Table 76

Table 77

- 1) Yes, 2) No, 3) Not applicable
- a) Difficulty finding a job due to a lack of relevant qualifications
- b) Difficulty finding a job because of your employment history (i.e. moving jobs frequently)
- c) Difficulty finding a job because you were overseas with your spouse/civil partner
- d) Difficulty finding a job because your spouse is often away

Section 6: Background

37. Your spouse's rank**Table 22**

(Please delete as appropriate for RN/Army/RAF when creating the question set)

OF-6 - Commodore/Brigadier/Air Commodore

OF-5 - Captain/Colonel/Group Captain

OF-4 - Commander/Lieutenant Colonel/Wing Commander

OF-3 - Lieutenant Commander/Major/Squadron Leader

OF-2 - Lieutenant/Captain/Flight Lieutenant

OF-1 - Sub-Lieutenant/2nd Lieutenant/Flying Officer or Pilot Officer

OR-9 - Warrant Officer 1/Warrant Officer / Master Aircrew

OR-8 - Warrant Officer 2

OR-7 - Chief Petty Officer/Colour Sergeant/Staff Sergeant/Flight Sergeant or Chief Technician

OR-6 - Petty Officer/Sergeant

OR-4 - Leading Rate/Corporal

OR-3 - Lance Corporal

OR-2/1 - Able Rate/Marine/Private/Junior Technician or Leading/Senior and Junior Aircraftsman



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