### Armed Forces Families Surveys 2022

Please note the RN/RM survey is available online only. See below a transcript of the RN/RM online survey. This is followed by copies of the Army and RAF paper surveys.

### Royal Navy and Royal Marines Families Survey 2022

The Prime Minister will shortly endorse the UK Armed Forces Families Strategy 2021-31, This Strategy, and its associated Action Plan, has a dual focus: to inspire partnership working across the UK, honouring the enduring pledge of the Armed Forces Covenant; and to provide direction to policy makers, the single Services and public service providers to empower armed forces families to live rich and fulfilling lives alongside their loved ones. As such, the Strategy provides both the context and the framework for the delivery of a range of practical interventions designed to strengthen and improve policies and service provision across the armed forces families' agenda, leading to improved retention and enhanced operational effectiveness. The strategy is therefore underpinned not only by a moral force but also by practical considerations around the link between strong family support, the health and wellbeing of the family unit and both retention and enhanced operational effectiveness. Measuring the success of the Armed Forces Families Strategy and Plan will be critical, and the Families Continuous Attitude Survey will provide essential evidence in measuring that success.

#### Peter Davis (Head Armed Forces Families & Safeguarding)

#### What is this survey about?

The Royal Navy and Royal Marines Families Survey (FAMCAS) provides RN and RM spouses/civil partners with an opportunity to share their views on what Service life is like. The survey asks questions about key areas including family life, childcare, deployment, education, employment, healthcare, and housing.

#### Why have I received this survey?

The RN/RM Families Survey is sent to a random selection of Service personnel each year, located both within the UK and overseas, inviting their families to participate.

#### How are the findings used?

The results from the survey are used to aid the assessment and development Service personnel policies and initiatives. They are also used to inform and monitor Defence personnel programmes and the Armed Forces Covenant.

#### I am also serving. Do I still need to complete it?

We are interested in capturing the views of both military and civilian partners. If you and your spouse/civil partner are both serving in the Armed Forces, this survey should be completed by the spouse/civil partner of the named recipient of the survey.

#### Do I have to complete the survey?

No. Whilst completion is entirely voluntary, we encourage recipients to tell us their views so that we can make positive changes in the RN and RM.

#### Are my answers confidential?

All replies will be treated in the strictest confidence and are completely anonymous.

#### When is the deadline?

Please complete the online survey by 09 May 2022.

#### Why do I have to enter my partner's service number?

To ensure that only families of RN and RM personnel are able to complete the survey, participants are required to input a token (access code) before entering the online survey. Please note that the token is **not** linked to your responses and it is impossible to link responses to Service personnel. The token is simply used as a security precaution.

#### Who should I contact for further information?

If you have any queries then please feel free to contact Graham McKenzie (Navy PIIAC Research Team) at NAVYNPS-RSCHMAILBOX@mod.gov.uk (mailto:NAVYNPS-RSCHMAILBOX@mod.gov.uk).

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There are 106 questions in this survey.

### SECTION A: ABOUT YOU

### Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? \*

Please choose only one of the following:

) Yes

) No

This survey should be completed by your **SPOUSE/CIVIL PARTNER.** 

Please click 'Exit and clear survey' above and forward the survey link to your partner.

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'No' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

### Where do you currently live? \*

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

• Choose one of the following answers Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Bath/Bristol
- 🔿 Chivenor
- 🔿 Culdrose
- 🔵 Faslane
- 🔵 London
- () Lympstone
- Northwood
- ) Plymouth
- Portsmouth
- Rosyth
- Taunton
- () Wittering
- Yeovilton
- England but none of the above
- Northern Ireland
- Scotland but none of the above
- ) Wales
- Outside of the UK, please specify which country

Make a comment on your choice here:

Your answer to this question is vital in allowing us to ensure survey findings are applicable to the RN/RM population. Surveys which do not include an answer to this question cannot be counted.

# If you currently live in England, which region do you live in?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was 'Yeovilton ' *or* 'Wittering' *or* 'Taunton' *or* 'Portsmouth' *or* 'Poole' *or* 'Northwood' *or* 'Plymouth' *or* 'London' *or* 'Lympstone' *or* 'Culdrose' *or* 'Chivenor' *or* 'Bath/Bristol' *or* 'England but none of the above' at question '3 [A2a]' (Where do you currently live?)

• Choose one of the following answers Please choose **only one** of the following:

- East Midlands
- East of England
- 🔵 London
- ( ) North East England
- North West England
- () South East England
- South West England
- ◯ West Midlands
- Yorkshire and the Humber

# What is your spouse/civil partner's rank? (Please select one option only) \*

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

• Choose one of the following answers Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Commodore / Brigadier / Chaplain of the Fleet (or above)
- 🔵 Captain RN / Colonel / Principal Chaplain
- () Commander / Lieutenant Colonel
- 🔵 Lieutenant Commander / Major / Chaplain
- () Lieutenant / Captain (RM)
- Sub Lieutenant / 2nd Lieutenant
- () Warrant Officer 1
- Warrant Officer 2
- () Chief Petty Officer / Colour Sergeant
- () Petty Officer / Sergeant
- Leading Rate / Corporal
- () Lance Corporal
- Able Rate / Marine

Your answer to this question is vital in allowing us to ensure survey findings are applicable to the RN/RM population. Surveys which do not include an answer to this question cannot be counted.

#### Is your spouse/civil partner...? \*

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

• Choose one of the following answers Please choose **only one** of the following:



🔵 RM

Your answer to this question is vital in allowing us to ensure survey findings are applicable to the RN/RM population. Surveys which do not include an answer to this question cannot be counted.

### Do you live separately from your spouse/civil partner during the working week?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

Please choose only one of the following:

🔵 Yes

) No

If yes, how often do you see your spouse/civil partner?
Only answer this question if the following conditions are met: Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) <i>and</i> Answer was 'Yes' at question '7 [A5]' (Do you live separately from your spouse/civil partner during the working week?)
Output Choose one of the following answers Please choose only one of the following:
<ul> <li>Weekly</li> <li>Fortnightly</li> <li>Monthly</li> <li>Less than monthly</li> <li>Other</li> </ul>

# Where is your spouse/civil partner currently stationed (if currently on duty on a ship or submarine please indicate where their base port is)?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

• Choose one of the following answers Please choose **only one** of the following:

🔵 England

) Northern Ireland

- Scotland
- ) Wales
- Outside the UK, please specify which country

Make a comment on your choice here:

#### How old are you?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

• Only numbers may be entered in this field. Please write your answer here:

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#### What is your sex?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

Choose one of the following answers

Please choose only one of the following:

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) Female

) Prefer not to say

### Have you ever served in the Armed Forces?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met: Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

• Choose one of the following answers Please choose **only one** of the following:

) Yes, I am still serving as a Regular

) Yes, I am still serving as a Reservist

Yes, but I am no longer serving

) No, I have never served

#### Are you currently registered to vote?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met: Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

• Choose one of the following answers

Please choose only one of the following:

Yes, and I registered without difficulty

) Yes, but I had some difficulty registering

) No, I chose not to register

) No, I was not able to register

🔵 Don't know

Prefer not to say

### If yes, which registration option did you use?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes, and I registered without difficulty ' *or* 'Yes, but I had some difficulty registering ' at question '14 [A12]' (Are you currently registered to vote? )

• Choose one of the following answers Please choose **only one** of the following:

U'm registered as an ordinary/residential voter (registered for 1 year, via the annual update of voters (annual canvass))

) I'm registered as a Service voter (registered for 5 years, via a Service declaration)

O I'm registered as an overseas voter (registered for 1 year, in the same way as non-Forces British citizens living overseas)

🔵 Don't know

### What is the highest level of qualification you have completed? Please tick just one box.

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met: Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

• Choose one of the following answers Please choose **only one** of the following:

Secondary Education (GCSE/O-Levels)

Post-Secondary Education (College, A-Levels, NVQ 3 or below, or similar)

) Vocational Qualification (Diploma, Certificate, BTEC, NVQ 4 and above, or similar

) Undergraduate Degree (BA, BSc, etc.)

Post-graduate Degree (MA, MSc, PhD, etc.)

) Professional Qualification (e.g. teaching, nursing, accounting, civil engineering)

) Other

) Prefer not to say

We are asking this question because policy teams would like to understand how this correlates with levels of employment and to understand how policy can be shaped to help support those seeking employment.

# If you answered 'Other' as your highest level of education, please specify qualification.

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Other' at question '16 [A13]' (What is the highest level of qualification you have completed? Please tick just one box.)

Please write your answer here:

#### What is your nationality?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

• Choose one of the following answers Please choose **only one** of the following:

🔵 English

Scottish

🔵 Welsh

() Northern Irish

() Irish (Republic of Ireland)

- 🔵 Non UK
- ( ) Prefer not to say

We are asking about Nationality because policy holders would like to understand how many non-UK partners and spouses they are supporting and what aspects of support need to be improved.

## If you selected Non UK for your nationality, please could you tell us which country?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM?) *and* Answer was 'Non UK' at question '18 [A14]' (What is your nationality?)

Please write your answer here:

# SECTION B: YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT SERVICE LIFE

### To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements...?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / N/A
In general, the RN/RM provides a good level of support for families of serving personnel	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
In general, my life is more difficult than that of friends whose partner is not in the RN/RM	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
My family benefits from being a RN/RM family	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
I feel part of the wider Naval community	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
I have friends among other RN/RM families	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
I sometimes feel unsupported by the RN/RM	0	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
I am able to get the information I need about support offered to me by the RN/RM.	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
l feel valued by the RN/RM	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
I support my partner's career in the RN/RM	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$

### Please could you specify how the RN/RM can make you feel valued?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

Please write your answer here:

### How satisfied are you with your quality of life, as a RN/RM family?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

• Choose one of the following answers Please choose **only one** of the following:

Very satisfied

- Satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

Have you ever started a discussion with your partner about leaving the service in the last 2 years?
Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

• Choose one of the following answers Please choose **only one** of the following:

) Yes, very often

) Yes, often

) Yes, occasionally

🔵 No

## Please could you specify why you have discussed leaving the service with your partner?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes, very often' *or* 'Yes, often' *or* 'Yes, occasionally ' at question '23 [B3]' (Have you ever started a discussion with your partner about leaving the service in the last 2 years?)

Please write your answer here:

# How would you feel if your partner chose to leave the RN/RM?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

• Choose one of the following answers Please choose **only one** of the following:

- I would be much happier
- ) I would be happier
- ) I would be no different
- ) I would be less happy
- ) I would be much less happy
- Don't know

#### Do you think each of the following aspects of your life would be better or worse if your partner left the RN/RM?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Much better	Better	No change	Worse	Much worse	Don't know / N/A
Your career prospects	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Your standard of housing	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Your relationship with your partner	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Your children's education	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Your family life	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Your social life	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
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# How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with each of the following?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfi	Fairly e <b>d</b> issatisfi	Very e <b>d</b> issatisfi	ed N/A
The amount of leave given to my spouse/civil partner	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
That your spouse/civil partner's views are taken into consideration when assignments (formerly drafts or posting) are planned	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
The amount of notice your partner is given on assignments	0	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$

	In the past 12 months, approximately how much time has your spouse/civil partner spent away from home for Service reasons?
	Only answer this question if the following conditions are met: Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )
	O Choose one of the following answers Please choose only one of the following:
	◯ Not been away
	O Up to 1 month
	O Up to 3 months
	O Up to 6 months
	O Up to 9 months
	O Up to 12 months
	◯ N/A
Ś	SECTION C: HOUSING

#### Have you moved in the last 12 months?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met: Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

• Choose one of the following answers Please choose **only one** of the following:

) Yes, for Service reasons

Yes, for other reasons

) No

### How many times have you moved for Service reasons over the last 5 years?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

• Choose one of the following answers Please choose **only one** of the following:

$\bigcirc$	None
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() Once

) Twice

Three times

) More than three times

#### Do you own your own home?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

• Choose one of the following answers Please choose **only one** of the following:

) Yes, I am living in it

) Yes, but not living in it

) No

) No, but I am currently saving to buy a house in the future

If you <u>don't own your own home, which of the following</u> statements apply to you? (Select all that apply)
Only answer this question if the following conditions are met: Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) <i>and</i> Answer was 'No, but I am currently saving to buy a house in the future' <i>or</i> 'No ' at question '31 [C3]' (Do you own your own home? )
Check all that apply     Please choose <b>all</b> that apply:
I/we don't want to own a home at this stage in my/our life/career(s)
Living in Service accommodation is better suited to my family's needs at present than home ownership
I/we want to be able to move with my spouse/civil partner when he/she is posted
I/we don't want to buy a home where we are currently located
I am expecting my spouse/civil partner to be posted overseas or to an area where I/we don't want to buy a home
I/we can't afford to buy a suitable home at the moment
I/we don't want to risk losing money
I/we wouldn't be able to live in the home
I/we had difficulties getting a mortgage
Other reason

# What type of accommodation do you live in during the working week? (Select one option only)

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

• Choose one of the following answers Please choose **only one** of the following:

Service Family Accommodation (SFA)

Substitute Service Family Accommodation (SSFA)

Single Living Accommodation (SLA)

Substitute Service Single Living Accommodation (SSSA) (formerly SSLA)

) Property I/we own

Privately rented accommodation

) Other accommodation

# What type of accommodation would you <u>prefer</u> to live in during the working week? (Select one option only)

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

• Choose one of the following answers

Please choose only one of the following:

Service Family Accommodation (SFA)

) Substitute Service Family Accommodation (SSFA)

Single Living Accommodation (SLA)

- Substitute Service Single Living Accommodation (SSSA) (formerly SSLA)
- ) Property I/we own
- ) Privately rented accommodation
- ) Other accommodation

# If you live in SFA or SSFA, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with each of the following...?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was 'Service Family Accommodation (SFA)' *or* 'Substitute Service Family Accommodation (SSFA)' at question '33 [C5]' (What type of accommodation do you live in during the working week? (Select one option only) )

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfi	e <b>D</b> issatisf	Very ieddissatisfi	Don't know / Not e <b>a</b> pplicable
The overall standard	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
The value for money	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
The response to requests for maintenance/repair	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
The quality of maintenance/repair work	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
How fairly Service accommodation is allocated	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
The security of your SFA/SSFA	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
The cleanliness of your accommodation when moving in	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
The speed at which accommodation is allocated	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$

### To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following regarding SFA/SSFA?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was 'Service Family Accommodation (SFA)' *or* 'Substitute Service Family Accommodation (SSFA)' at question '33 [C5]' (What type of accommodation do you live in during the working week? (Select one option only) )

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / N/A
I feel the Service expects me to live in SFA/SSFA	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
The frequency of drafts/assignments means it is easier to live in SFA/SSFA	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
I live in SFA/SSFA because other accommodation is too expensive	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
I live in SFA/SSFA because no other accommodation is available	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	0	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$

If you <u>do not</u> live in the same area as your spouse's/civil partner's work location, what is the <u>main</u> reason for not doing so?
Only answer this question if the following conditions are met: Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )
Choose one of the following answers Please choose only one of the following:
Children's education
Childcare issues
Continuity of my education/course
O I do not wish to live in the area where my spouse/civil partner works
◯ I have settled in my own home
O I have settled in Service Accommodation where I prefer to live
My career/employment
◯ No family nearby
Poor Service Family Accommodation
Other

# SECTION D: CHILDCARE AND CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

#### Do you have any children?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met: Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

Please choose only one of the following:

$\bigcirc$	Yes
$\bigcirc$	No

# If you have children, how many children do you have in the following age groups?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM?) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '38 [D1]' (Do you have any children?)

• Only numbers may be entered in these fields.

Please write your answer(s) here:

Under 5 years:

5-11 years:

12-17 years:

18 years or older, in full-time education:

18 years or older, not in full-time education :

Please type the number of children in each box. If you don't have any children of that age please put '0'.

# Have you needed early years (children between 0-4 years) childcare in the last 12 months?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM?) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '38 [D1]' (Do you have any children?)

Please choose only one of the following:

🔿 Yes

) No

### Have you been able to access early years (0-4 years) childcare?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '38 [D1]' (Do you have any children?) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '40 [D3a]' (Have you needed early years (children between 0-4 years) childcare in the last 12 months? )

Please choose only one of the following:

$\bigcirc$	Yes
$\bigcirc$	Yes

🔵 No

# If you could not access early years (0-4 years) childcare, what difficulties did you have?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '38 [D1]' (Do you have any children?) *and* Answer was 'No' at question '41 [D3b]' (Have you been able to access early years (0-4 years) childcare? )

Please write your answer here:

# How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the following aspects of your local early years (0-4 years) childcare facilities?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '38 [D1]' (Do you have any children?) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '40 [D3a]' (Have you needed early years (children between 0-4 years) childcare in the last 12 months? )

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	d Dissatisfie	Very ddissatisfied
Access (e.g. distance, transportation, waiting lists)	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Quality	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Cost	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Opening hours	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$

#### Have you needed childcare for school age children in the last 12 months (eg breakfast clubs, after school clubs, child-minder, pickups, school holiday clubs etc)?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '38 [D1]' (Do you have any children?)

Please choose only one of the following:

🔵 Yes

🔵 No

# How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the following aspects of your local childcare for school age children...?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '38 [D1]' (Do you have any children?) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '44 [D5]' (Have you needed childcare for school age children in the last 12 months (eg breakfast clubs, after school clubs, child-minder, pickups, school holiday clubs etc)? )

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	d Dissatisfie	Very ddissatisfied
Availability	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Quality	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Cost	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Opening hours	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
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#### Do you currently access any forms of free informal childcare for any of your children? (e.g. grandparents, extended family, friends, etc.)?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '38 [D1]' (Do you have any children?)

• Choose one of the following answers Please choose **only one** of the following:

) Yes, at least weekly

) Yes, at least monthly but less than weekly

Yes, occasionally

) No - I am not able to (e.g. family do not live nearby)

) No - I do not need to

# Do you currently take up the offer of any Government initiatives around childcare? (Please tick all that apply)

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '38 [D1]' (Do you have any children?)

• Check all that apply Please choose **all** that apply:

Salary Sacrifice Scheme

Tax-Free Childcare Accounts

Free Childcare Hours

Other

No I do not currently use any Government initiatives around childcare

#### If not, what is the main reason? (Please tick one box only) Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM?) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '38 [D1]' (Do you have any children?) *and* Answer was at question '47 [D8]' (Do you currently take up the offer of any Government initiatives around childcare? (Please tick all that apply))

• Choose one of the following answers Please choose **only one** of the following:

I am not aware of these schemes

) I do not think I am eligible for any of these schemes

I do not need any of these schemes

- ( ) The schemes do not suit my personal circumstances
- The process is too difficult/time consuming
- ) Other

#### Do you have any children of school age?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '38 [D1]' (Do you have any children?)

Please choose only one of the following:

) Yes

\_) No

#### If you have children of school age, please tell us the number of children you have at each type of school.

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '38 [D1]' (Do you have any children?) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '49 [D10]' (Do you have any children of school age? )

• Only numbers may be entered in these fields. Please write your answer(s) here:

State school:

MoD (Service) school:

Independent day school:

Independent boarding school:

Home schooling (by choice, not due to COVID-19)

Other

If you do not have any children at that type of school please put '0'.

# If you selected "Other" for the type of school, please specify.

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '49 [D10]' (Do you have any children of school age? ) *and* Answer was greater than '0' at question '50 [D11]' (If you have children of school age, please tell us the number of children you have at each type of school. (Other))

Please write your answer here:

### Do you receive Continuity of Education Allowance (CEA)?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '38 [D1]' (Do you have any children?) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '49 [D10]' (Do you have any children of school age? )

Please choose only one of the following:

🔵 Yes

🔵 No

### Did any of your children change school in the last 12 months?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '38 [D1]' (Do you have any children?) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '49 [D10]' (Do you have any children of school age? )

• Choose one of the following answers Please choose **only one** of the following:

) Yes, for Service reasons

) Yes, for other reasons

) No

#### If any of your children changed schools in the last 12 months, were you able to apply within the timeframe for the normal point of entry to a school (i.e. within the school's application period for the beginning of Reception, Year 7 or Year 12 or equivalent)?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

----- Scenario 1 ------

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '38 [D1]' (Do you have any children?) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '49 [D10]' (Do you have any children of school age? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes, for Service reasons ' at question '53 [D13]' (Did any of your children change school in the last 12 months? )

------ or Scenario 2 ------

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '38 [D1]' (Do you have any children?) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '49 [D10]' (Do you have any children of school age? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes, for other reasons' at question '53 [D13]' (Did any of your children change school in the last 12 months? )

Please choose only one of the following:

) No

### If any of your children changed school in the last 12 months, did you apply for a place at a state school?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

----- Scenario 1 ------

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '38 [D1]' (Do you have any children?) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '49 [D10]' (Do you have any children of school age? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes, for Service reasons ' at question '53 [D13]' (Did any of your children change school in the last 12 months? )

----- or Scenario 2 ------

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '38 [D1]' (Do you have any children?) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '49 [D10]' (Do you have any children of school age? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes, for other reasons' at question '53 [D13]' (Did any of your children change school in the last 12 months? )

• Choose one of the following answers Please choose **only one** of the following:

◯ Yes ◯ No

### Which of the following best describes your child's school allocation? Please select one box only.

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

----- Scenario 1 ------

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '38 [D1]' (Do you have any children?) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '49 [D10]' (Do you have any children of school age? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes, for Service reasons ' at question '53 [D13]' (Did any of your children change school in the last 12 months? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '55 [D15]' (If any of your children changed school in the last 12 months, did you apply for a place at a state school?)

------ or Scenario 2 ------

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '38 [D1]' (Do you have any children?) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '49 [D10]' (Do you have any children of school age? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes, for other reasons' at question '53 [D13]' (Did any of your children change school in the last 12 months? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '55 [D15]' (If any of your children changed school in the last 12 months, did you apply for a place at a state school?)

• Choose one of the following answers Please choose **only one** of the following:

() My child was allocated a place at their 1st choice of school

My child was allocated a place at their 2nd or 3rd choice of school

( ) My child was not allocated a place at one of their 3 preferred choices

Other (please add more detail in the text box)

Make a comment on your choice here:

### Which of the following best describes how you felt about your child's school allocation?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

----- Scenario 1 ------

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '38 [D1]' (Do you have any children?) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '49 [D10]' (Do you have any children of school age? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes, for Service reasons ' at question '53 [D13]' (Did any of your children change school in the last 12 months? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '55 [D15]' (If any of your children changed school in the last 12 months, did you apply for a place at a state school?)

------ or Scenario 2 ------

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '38 [D1]' (Do you have any children?) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '49 [D10]' (Do you have any children of school age? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes, for other reasons' at question '53 [D13]' (Did any of your children change school in the last 12 months? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '55 [D15]' (If any of your children changed school in the last 12 months, did you apply for a place at a state school?)

Choose one of the following answersPlease choose only one of the following:

) I was happy with their allocation

I was not entirely happy with their allocation but chose not to appeal

) I appealed against their allocation

#### Please tell us about your experience of the appeals process?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM?) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '38 [D1]' (Do you have any children?) *and* Answer was 'I appealed against their allocation' at question '57 [D17]' (Which of the following best describes how you felt about your child's school allocation?)

Please write your answer here:

### Did you experience any difficulties with your children's schooling in the last 12 months?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '38 [D1]' (Do you have any children?) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '49 [D10]' (Do you have any children of school age? )

Please choose only one of the following:

🔵 Yes

🔵 No

## If yes, did you experience any of the following difficulties? (Select all that apply)

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '38 [D1]' (Do you have any children?) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '49 [D10]' (Do you have any children of school age? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '59 [D19]' (Did you experience any difficulties with your children's schooling in the last 12 months? )

Check all that apply
Please choose all that apply:

Insufficient transportation to school
Distance to school
Getting a place at the school of your choice
Getting enough information about schools in your area
Not enough places at your local school
Unsuitable educational standard of your local school
Children could not attend the same school together
Obtaining support for Special Educational Needs (SEN)
School admission application period did not coincide with notification of assignment
Local Authority was unsupportive
Continuing your children's education without a gap
Differences in syllabus
Difficulties related to COVID-19
Other difficulty
Please use the box at the end of the survey to tell us of any other difficulties.

### SECTION E: HEALTHCARE

In this section we wish to ask you about the provision of healthcare services for Service families (excluding serving persons). If you and your spouse/civil partner are both currently serving in the Armed Forces and have no children there is no need to answer these questions.

### In the last 12 months have you/your children been able to access the following healthcare services?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

----- Scenario 1 ------

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was greater than or equal to 'Yes, I am still serving as a Reservist' at question '13 [A11]' (Have you ever served in the Armed Forces?) ------ or Scenario 2 ------

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '38 [D1]' (Do you have any children?)

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Yes, without difficulties	Yes, but with some difficulties	No, I was unable to	No, I did not need to
Dental treatment	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
GP (including Nurse/Midwife etc.)	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Mental health treatment	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Hospital or specialist services (including orthodontist)	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$

Please use the text box at the end of the survey to tell us about the difficulties you may have encountered.

# In the last 12 months, has your ability to access the following healthcare services been affected by COVID-19?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

------ Scenario 1 ------

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was greater than or equal to 'Yes, I am still serving as a Reservist' at question '13 [A11]' (Have you ever served in the Armed Forces?)

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '38 [D1]' (Do you have any children?)

	Yes	Νο	N/A
Dental treatment	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
GP (including Nurse/Midwife etc)	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Mental health treatment	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Hospital or specialist services (including Orthodontist)	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$

Please only complete this question if you have moved within the last 12 months.

#### If you/your children were undergoing a course of treatment with any of the following services at the time of your move, were you/your children able to continue the treatment in your new location?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

----- Scenario 1 ------

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was greater than or equal to 'Yes, I am still serving as a Reservist' at question '13 [A11]' (Have you ever served in the Armed Forces?) *and* Answer was less than or equal to 'Yes, for other reasons' at question '29 [C1]' (Have you moved in the last 12 months? )

----- or Scenario 2 ------

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was less than or equal to 'Yes, for other reasons' at question '29 [C1]' (Have you moved in the last 12 months? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '38 [D1]' (Do you have any children?)

	Yes, without difficulties	Yes, but with some difficulties	No, I was unable to continue treatment	Not applicable – not undergoing treatment
Dental treatment	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
GP (including Nurse/Midwife etc.)	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Mental health treatment	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Hospital or specialist services (including orthodontist)	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$

#### In the last 12 months, have you or any of your children been on a waiting list for an operation/consultants appointment?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

----- Scenario 1 ------

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was greater than or equal to 'Yes, I am still serving as a Reservist' at question '13 [A11]' (Have you ever served in the Armed Forces?) *and* Answer was less than or equal to 'Yes, for other reasons' at question '29 [C1]' (Have you moved in the last 12 months? )

----- or Scenario 2 ------

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was less than or equal to 'Yes, for other reasons' at question '29 [C1]' (Have you moved in the last 12 months? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '38 [D1]' (Do you have any children?)

Please choose only one of the following:

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# If yes, was the waiting time increased as a result of moving?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '64 [E3]' (In the last 12 months, have you or any of your children been on a waiting list for an operation/consultants appointment?)

• Choose one of the following answers Please choose **only one** of the following:

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### SECTION F: EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

## What is your current employment status? (Select all that apply)

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

• Check all that apply Please choose **all** that apply:

In full-time employment

In part-time employment

Self-employed

Homemaker/parent at home

Not employed – seeking employment

Not employed – not seeking employment

In full-time education/personal development

In part-time education

My immigration status means I am unable to work

Not applicable

### If you have a job, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the following...?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was 'In full-time employment ' *or* 'In part-time employment ' *or* 'Self-employed' at question '66 [F1]' (What is your current employment status? (Select all that apply) )

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Very satisfie	dSatisfie	Neither satisfied nor ddissatis		Very sfi <b>did</b> satis	Don't sfi <b>led</b> ow	Not Applicable
Your job overall	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
That your qualifications match your job	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
That your job matches your skills and experiences	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$

#### Have you been looking for a job in the last 12 months?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

Please choose only one of the following:



) No

### If yes, did you have any difficulty finding suitable employment?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM?) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '68 [F3]' (Have you been looking for a job in the last 12 months?)

Please choose only one of the following:

(	$\Big)$	Yes

🔵 No

#### If you experienced difficulty finding suitable employment, was it because of any of the following? (Select all that apply)

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '69 [F4]' (If yes, did you have any difficulty finding suitable employment? )

• Check all that apply

Please choose all that apply:

A lack of relevant qualifications

Your employment history (i.e. changing jobs frequently)

Being overseas with your spouse/civil partner

Having a spouse/civil partner who is often away

Having a spouse/civil partner in the Armed Forces

Access to affordable and quality childcare

Partner unable to assist with care responsibilities

Extended family live too far away to assist with childcare

Other:

### In the last 12 months have you or your family been able to...?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Yes, without difficulty	Yes, but with some difficulty	No, I was unable to	No, I did not need to
Access Further or Higher Education	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Continue a course previously started	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$

# In the last 12 months, have you or your family accompanied your spouse/civil partner on overseas assignments?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

Please choose only one of the following:

🔵 Yes

) No

#### If yes, were you able to ...?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM?) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '72 [F7]' (In the last 12 months, have you or your family accompanied your spouse/civil partner on overseas assignments?)

	Yes, without difficulty	Yes, but with some difficulty	No, I was unable to	No, I did not need to
Obtain paid employment overseas	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	0
Access Service- provided information before moving overseas	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	0

### To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements...?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / N/A
My career is as important as that of my partner	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
The RN/RM limits the career choices I can make	0	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
I have had to make sacrifices to support my partner's career	0	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
I have been treated unfairly by employers because my partner is in the RN/RM	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$

### If the MOD offered courses to help you find/change employment would you use them?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

• Choose one of the following answers Please choose **only one** of the following:

Yes	
No	
Not applicable	

## Which of the following would help you find/change employment? Tick all that apply.

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '75 [F10]' (If the MOD offered courses to help you find/change employment would you use them?)

• Check all that apply Please choose **all** that apply:

CV writing course

Interview skills course

Access to jobs database

Career consultancy service

Self-employment/small business course

Other

Not applicable

### SECTION G: DEPLOYMENT

#### Do you know where to go for Service-provided welfare support and information while your spouse/civil partner is on an operational tour?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

• Choose one of the following answers Please choose **only one** of the following:

$\bigcirc$	Yes
$\bigcirc$	No
$\bigcirc$	Not applicable

#### What is your view of the <u>frequency</u> of operational tours?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

• Choose one of the following answers Please choose **only one** of the following:

🔵 Too often

) About right

) Not often enough

#### What is your view of the <u>length</u> of operational tours?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

• Choose one of the following answers Please choose **only one** of the following:

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) About right

) Too short

### When was your spouse/civil partner's last operational tour?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

• Choose one of the following answers Please choose **only one** of the following:

Currently on operational tour

() In the last 12 months

( ) 1 to 2 years ago

() 3 to 5 years ago

More than 5 years ago

Not applicable

### How satisfied were you with the following <u>BEFORE</u> your spouse/civil partner's most recent operational tour...?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was 'Currently on operational tour' *or* 'In the last 12 months' *or* '1 to 2 years ago' at question '80 [G4]' (When was your spouse/civil partner's last operational tour? )

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfi	e <b>D</b> issatisfi	Very ieddissatisf	Did not ied use
Welfare support you used (e.g. information, Padre, support staff, welfare organisations, etc.)	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	0
Direct contact and support from your spouse/civil partner's chain of command / unit	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Facilities and events to meet with other spouses and families	0	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	0

### How satisfied were you with the following <u>DURING</u> your spouse/civil partner's most recent operational tour...?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was '1 to 2 years ago' *or* 'In the last 12 months' *or* 'Currently on operational tour' at question '80 [G4]' (When was your spouse/civil partner's last operational tour? )

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfi	e <b>D</b> issatisfi	Very ieddissatisfi	Did not ed use
Welfare support you used (e.g. information, Padre, support staff, welfare organisations, etc.)	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Direct contact and support from your spouse/civil partner's chain of command/unit	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Facilities and events to meet with other spouses and families	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Lines of communication with your spouse/civil partner	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$

### How satisfied were you with the following <u>AFTER</u> your spouse/civil partner's most recent operational tour...?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM?) *and* Answer was '1 to 2 years ago' *or* 'In the last 12 months' *or* 'Currently on operational tour' at question '80 [G4]' (When was your spouse/civil partner's last operational tour?)

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfi	e <b>D</b> issatisf	Very ieddissatisfi	Did not ied use
Welfare support you used (e.g. information, Padre, support staff, welfare organisations, etc.)	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Direct contact and support from your spouse/civil partner's chain of command/unit	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	0
Facilities and events to meet with other spouses and families	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$

### SECTION H: COMMUNICATIONS AND SUPPORT

Below is a list of support services.
We would like to know which, if any, you <u>have heard of.</u>
Only answer this question if the following conditions are met: Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )
Check all that apply Please choose all that apply:
The Operational Welfare Package (OWP) - Family Welfare Grant
RN FPS Portal - Welfare support and advice
Royal Navy Community Centres
Royal Navy pre-school provision, playgroup, crèche, etc
RN FPS Information Support (formally HIVE)
Joint Service Housing Advice Office (JSHAO)
Official Social Media
RN Forum
Joint Casualty and Compassionate Centre (JCCC)
Naval Families Federation (NFF)
Children's Education Advisory Service (CEAS)
Seafarers Advice & Information Line (SAIL)
Joining Forces CU
Any other type of support services

#### What other type of support services have you heard of?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was at question '84 [H2]' (Below is a list of support services. We would like to know which, if any, you have heard of. )

Please write your answer here:

#### Below is a list of support services.

#### We would like to know which, if any, you have used.

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was 'Joint Service Housing Advice Office (JSHAO)' *or* 'Official Social Media' *or* 'RN Forum' *or* 'Joint Casualty and Compassionate Centre (JCCC)' *or* 'Naval Families Federation (NFF)' *or* 'Children's Education Advisory Service (CEAS)' *or* 'Seafarers Advice & Information Line (SAIL)' *or* 'Joining Forces CU' *or* 'Any other type of support services' *or* 'RN FPS Information Support (formally HIVE)' *or* 'Royal Navy pre-school provision, playgroup, crèche, etc....' *or* 'Royal Navy Community Centres' *or* 'RN FPS Portal - Welfare support and advice' *or* 'The Operational Welfare Package (OWP) - Family Welfare Grant' at question '84 [H2]' (Below is a list of support services. We would like to know which, if any, you have heard of. )

• Check all that apply Please choose **all** that apply:

The Operational Welfare Package (OWP) - Family Welfare Grant

RN FPS Portal - Welfare and social work support and advice

Royal Navy Community Centres

Royal Navy pre-school provision, playgroup, crèche, etc....

RN FPS Information support (formally HIVE)

Joint Service Housing Advice Office (JSHAO)

Official Social Media

RN Forum

Joint Casualty and Compassionate Centre (JCCC)

Naval Families Federation (NFF)

Children's Education Advisory Service (CEAS)

Seafarers Advice & Information Line (SAIL)

Joining Forces CU

Any Other Type of Support Services

#### What other type of support have you used?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was at question '86 [H4]' (Below is a list of support services. We would like to know which, if any, you have used. )

Please write your answer here:

#### Below is a list of support services.

### If you have used any of the services below, how satisfied you were with it?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) *and* Answer was 'Joint Service Housing Advice Office (JSHAO)' *or* 'Official Social Media' *or* 'RN Forum' *or* 'Joint Casualty and Compassionate Centre (JCCC)' *or* 'Naval Families Federation (NFF)' *or* 'Children's Education Advisory Service (CEAS)' *or* 'Seafarers Advice & Information Line (SAIL)' *or* 'Joining Forces CU' *or* 'Any Other Type of Support Services' *or* 'RN FPS Information support (formally HIVE)' *or* 'Royal Navy pre-school provision, playgroup, crèche, etc....' *or* 'Royal Navy Community Centres' *or* 'RN FPS Portal - Welfare and social work support and advice' *or* 'The Operational Welfare Package (OWP) - Family Welfare Grant' at question '86 [H4]' (Below is a list of support services. We would like to know which, if any, you have used. )

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	d Dissatisfied	Very ddissatisfied
The Operational Welfare Package (OWP) - Family Welfare Grant	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
RN FPS Portal - Welfare support and advice	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Royal Navy Community Centres	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Royal Navy pre-school provision, playgroup, crèche, etc	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
RN FPS Information Support (formally HIVE)	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Official social media	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Joint Service Housing Advice Office (JSHAO)	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$

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	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	d Dissatisfie	Very ddissatisfied
RN Forum	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Joint Casualty and Compassionate Centre (JCCC)	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Naval Families Federation (NFF)	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Children's Education Advisory Service (CEAS)	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Seafarers Advice & Information Line (SAIL)	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Joining Forces CU	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Any Other Type of Support Services	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$

#### How would you rate the following?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

	Very good	Good	Adequate	e Poor	Very poor	Don't know / N/A
The information available to individuals whose spouse/civil partners are away on deployment/ exercises	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	0
The support given by the RN/RM to individuals whose spouse/civil partners are away	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
The amount of contact with spouse/civil partners when they are away on deployment/ exercises	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	0

#### How would you prefer the RN/RM to communicate with you? Please select your *first* choice.

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM?)

• Choose one of the following answers Please choose only one of the following:

$\bigcirc$	By telephone/text
$\bigcirc$	By post
$\bigcirc$	By email
$\bigcirc$	By person
$\bigcirc$	Through your spouse/civil partner
$\bigcirc$	Via Armed Forces websites (e.g. gov.uk, RN FPS)
$\bigcirc$	Via social media
$\bigcirc$	Other
$\bigcirc$	I do not wish to receive any communication

### How would you prefer the RN/RM to communicate with you? *Please select your <u>second</u> choice.*

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

• Choose one of the following answers Please choose **only one** of the following:

By telephone/text

🔵 By post

) By email

- By person
- ) Through your spouse/civil partner
- ) Via Armed Forces websites (e.g. gov.uk, RN FPS)

) Via social media

- ) Other
- I do not wish to receive any communication

### In the past year have you been able to access facilities on your local base?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

• Choose one of the following answers Please choose **only one** of the following:

No, I did not need to

) No, I have been unable to

) Yes, but with some difficulty

) Yes, easily

Is your spouse/civil partner's parent unit your local base?
Only answer this question if the following conditions are met: Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )
<ul> <li>Choose one of the following answers</li> <li>Please choose only one of the following:</li> </ul>
Yes
No
O Don't know

### If you were easily able to access your local base, would you use the facilities?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

Please choose only one of the following:

🔵 Yes

) No

# Taking into consideration all things which you think are important, how favourable or unfavourable is your overall opinion of the RN/RM?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

• Choose one of the following answers Please choose **only one** of the following:

O Very favourable

- ) Favourable
- Neutral

Unfavourable

Very unfavourable

### What is your awareness and understanding of the role of the RN/RM today?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

• Choose one of the following answers Please choose **only one** of the following:

) I am unaware of the role of the Royal Navy

) I am aware of the role of the Royal Navy but do not fully understand their role

) I understand the role of the Royal Navy

) I understand and am supportive of the role of the Royal Navy

) I am very supportive and I promote the role of the Royal Navy

### SECTION I: ARMED FORCES COVENANT

### Which of the following best sums up your awareness of the Armed Forces Covenant?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

• Choose one of the following answers Please choose **only one** of the following:

I've never heard of it

) I've heard of it but know nothing about it

) I've heard of it and know a little about it

 $(\ )$  l've heard of it and know a lot about it

For details of the Covenant please follow the link at the end of the survey.

# How advantaged or disadvantaged do you feel when you compare yourself to the <u>general public</u> on these Covenant issues...?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

	Very advantag	e <b>4</b> ldvantaç	Neither advantag nor gedisadvan		Very It <b>elijsed</b> ivan	Don't know / Not t <b>agepti</b> cable
Housing	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Education	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Healthcare	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Family life	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Childcare	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Access to commercial products & services (i.e. insurance, mobile, broadband, financial products and services)	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$

## Are there any other areas in which you feel particularly *advantaged* when compared to the <u>general public</u>?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

Please write your answer here:

## Are there any other areas in which you feel particularly *disadvantaged* when compared to the <u>general public</u>?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

Please write your answer here:

# How positive or negative do you feel about the following aspects of Service family life...?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Very positive	Positive	Neither positive nor negative	Negative	Very negative	Not applicable
Effect on my career	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Effect on my children	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Service provided facilities (housing, Messes etc.)	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Effect on relationship with my spouse/civil partner	$\bigcirc$	0	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Number of house moves	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Household income	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Knowing other military families	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Community support for my family (Chaplaincy, Community Support Officer, coffee shop etc.)	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Amount of separation from spouse/civil partner	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Prospects of buying own home	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$

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	Very positive	Positive	Neither positive nor negative	Negative	Very negative	Not applicable
Opportunities for travel	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Pride in my spouse/civil partner being in the Service	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Job security	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$

# SECTION J: WELL-BEING

## As part of measuring national well-being we are interested to understand how satisfied you are with your life in general.

# The questions below are not linked particularly to the Service but to your <u>life in general</u>.

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	0 - Not at all	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - Comple
Overall, how satisfied are you with life nowadays?	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Overall, how happy did you feel yesterday?	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Overall, how anxious did you feel yesterday?	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Overall, to what extent do you feel the things you do in your life are worthwhile?	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$

How often do you feel lonely? Only answer this question if the following conditions are met: Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )
Choose one of the following answers Please choose only one of the following:
<ul> <li>Often/always</li> <li>Some of the time</li> <li>Occasionally</li> <li>Hardly ever</li> <li>Never</li> </ul>

# SECTION K: ANY OTHER COMMENTS

# If you have any other comments about the RN/RM, please add them here.

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )

Please write your answer here:

This survey is:
Only answer this question if the following conditions are met: Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )
Obout the following answers Please choose only one of the following:
Too long
O About right
◯ Too short
How long did it take you to complete this survey?
Only answer this question if the following conditions are met: Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )
Only answer this question if the following conditions are met: Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member
Only answer this question if the following conditions are met: Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) Choose one of the following answers
<ul> <li>Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:</li> <li>Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )</li> <li>Choose one of the following answers</li> <li>Please choose only one of the following:</li> </ul>
Only answer this question if the following conditions are met: Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) Choose one of the following answers Please choose only one of the following: Less than 10 minutes
Only answer this question if the following conditions are met: Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) Choose one of the following answers Please choose <b>only one</b> of the following: Less than 10 minutes 10-20 minutes
<ul> <li>Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:</li> <li>Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )</li> <li>Choose one of the following answers</li> <li>Please choose only one of the following:</li> <li>Less than 10 minutes</li> <li>10-20 minutes</li> <li>20-30 minutes</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:</li> <li>Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? )</li> <li>Choose one of the following answers</li> <li>Please choose only one of the following:</li> <li>Less than 10 minutes</li> <li>10-20 minutes</li> <li>20-30 minutes</li> <li>30-40 minutes</li> </ul>
Only answer this question if the following conditions are met: Answer was 'Yes' at question '1 [A1]' (Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular RN/RM? ) Choose one of the following answers Please choose only one of the following: Less than 10 minutes 10-20 minutes 20-30 minutes 40-50 minutes

Thank you very much for completing this survey. You may now close this page.

Please see the link below for details of the Armed Forces Covenant:

https://www.armedforcescovenant.gov.uk/ (https://www.armedforcescovenant.gov.uk/)

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Submit your survey. Thank you for completing this survey.

# FAMILIES CONTINUOUS ATTITUDE SURVEY 2022 WHAT MATTERS TO YOU?





We recognise that families provide invaluable support to Army personnel. I am very grateful for feedback from previous Families Continuous Attitude Surveys (FamCAS) and therefore encourage you to take the time to tell us what you think, in what has been, another very different year for us all. Your views and concerns help us to understand and change policy for the better.

Thank you.

Major General Paul Griffiths Director Personnel (D Pers)





### A MESSAGE FROM THE ARMED FORCES FAMILIES & SAFEGUARDING TEAM

"The Prime Minister will shortly endorse the UK Armed Forces Families Strategy 2021-31. This Strategy, and its associated Action Plan, has a dual focus: to inspire partnership working across the UK, honouring the enduring pledge of the Armed Forces Covenant; and to provide direction to policy makers, the single Services and public service providers to empower armed forces families to live rich and fulfilling lives alongside their loved ones.

As such, the Strategy provides both the context and the framework for the delivery of a range of practical interventions designed to strengthen and improve policies and service provision across the armed forces families' agenda, leading to improved retention and enhanced operational effectiveness.

The strategy is therefore underpinned not only by a moral force but also by practical considerations around the link between strong family support, the health and wellbeing of the family unit and both retention and enhanced operational effectiveness. Measuring the success of the Armed Forces Families Strategy and Plan will be critical, and the Families Continuous Attitude Survey will provide essential evidence in measuring that success."

Thank you

Peter Davis (Head Armed Forces Families & Safeguarding)



### **Participant Information**

# How to complete the survey

- The Families Continuous Attitude Survey is sent every year to a random selection of Army spouses/ civil partners. The questions cover different areas of family life including housing, welfare, facilities and services and your attitudes toward Army life.
- The survey should take about 25 minutes to complete.
- Please note that the term spouse/civil partner used throughout this survey refers to the serving person that you are married to or in a civil partnership with.
- Please put a tick in the box next to the answer that best applies to you in your CURRENT situation.
- In a few question 7 need to give your answers in numbers. Please write clearly, putting one number in each box provided.
   For example, years.
- A few questions will require a written answer please write in BLOCK CAPITALS.
- All surveys are **anonymous** and your responses will remain absolutely **confidential**. No attempt will be made to identify you or the serving member of your family. Only civilian researchers outside of the Chain of Command will see the completed surveys.
- Please be aware that this survey is exempt from any subject access requests under the Data Protection Act 2018 due to the anonymity of the data. (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ ministry-of-defence-privacy-notice/mod-privacy-notice#how-we-collect-or-process-your-data).
- If you do not wish to participate in the survey it would be very helpful to us if you could return the uncompleted questionnaire in the envelope provided.
- Please note that by completing and posting this survey you have given your consent to participate in this study. However, participation is entirely voluntary and if you choose not to take part this will not disadvantage you or your spouse/civil partner in any way.
- Please return your survey as soon as possible using the pre-paid envelope provided. Responses must reach us by 25th April 2022.

## Please allow sufficient time for postage. If you have any problems or questions regarding the questionnaire please contact Annabel Parkyn on email ArmyPers-Strat-APRC-Survey@mod.uk

If you would prefer to complete the online version of the survey, please use the following link: https://www.surveys.mod.uk. Please go to: FAMCAS Army 2022

To ensure that only families of Army personnel are able to complete the survey, participants are required to input an access code/token before entering the online survey. Please use your spouse/ civil partner's Service number as your access code. If you are dual-serving, please use your spouse/ civil partner's Service number. Please note that the access code is not linked to your responses and it is impossible to link responses to Service personnel. The access code is simply used as a security precaution.

Online survey access code/token: Your spouse/civil partner's Service number.

Completing the survey online is the quickest and easiest way for you to send us your view. If you have already received an email with the survey link and completed the survey online, please ignore this paper survey.

### Thank you for completing this survey

If you wish to complete the survey online please follow this link (please use Google Chrome): https://surveys.mod.uk/index.php/173424 1

About You								
I have read and understood the Participant Information. I give my consent with regards to completing the survey and the processing of my survey data for the purposes of this research.								
Please note, if you do not tick the box to indicate your consent your responses cannot be submitted for review.       Please tick the box								
1: Are you married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the Regular Army?								
a) Yes 1								
b) No 2 If you don't have a spouse or civil partner in the Regular Army please do not complete this survey. This survey is meant for the spouse/civil partner of Regular Army personnel only, please pass on to your spouse/civil partner to complete.								
* Your answers to <b>Q2 &amp; Q3</b> are vital in allowing us to ensure survey findings are reliable. Surveys which do not include answers to these questions cannot be counted.	?							
2: Where do you currently live?								
a) England 1 Please go to Q2b								
b) Northern Ireland 2								
c) Scotland 3								
d) Wales 4 Please go to Q3								
e) Germany 5								
f) Cyprus 6								
g) Other overseas <b>7</b>								
2b: If you currently live in England, which region do you live?								
a) East Midlands 1 d) North East England 4 g) South West England 7								
b) East of England 2 e) North West England 5 h) West Midlands 8								
c) London 3 f) South East 6 i) Yorkshire and 9 f) South East 6 he Humber 9								
3: Your spouse/civil partner's rank? Please tick just one box.								
a) Brigadier and above 70 f) Lieutenant 20 k) Sergeant 4								
b) Colonel 60 g) 2nd Lieutenant 10 l) Corporal 3								
c) Lieutenant Colonel 50 h) Warrant Officer 7 m) Lance Corporal 2								
d) Major 40 i) Warrant Officer 6 n) Private 1								
e) Captain 30 j) Colour Sergeant 5 Staff Sergeant								

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4: Where is your spouse/civil partner currently stationed?
a) England 1 d) Wales 4 g) Other overseas 7
b) Northern Ireland 2 e) Germany 5
c) Scotland 3 f) Cyprus 6
5: Have you moved in the last 12 months?
a) Yes, for Service 1 b) Yes, for other reasons 2 c) No 3
5b: How many times have you moved for Service reasons over the last 5 years?
a) None <b>1</b> d) Three times <b>4</b>
b) Once 2 e) More than three times 5
c) Twice 3
5c: For your last move for Service reasons, how much notice did you have to move?
Weeks
5d: If you moved in the last 12 months for other reasons, what was the main reason? (Please choose one)
a) Your employment 1 c) Landlord issuing 3 notice 'to vacate'
b) Children's schools 2 d) Other - 4
6: How old are you?
(Please write your age in the box) Years
7: What is your sex?
a) Male 1 b) Female 2 c) Prefer not to say 3
We are asking about qualifications because policy teams would like to understand how this correlates with levels of employment, and to understand how policy can be shaped to help support those seeking employment.
8a: What is the highest level of qualification you have completed? (Please tick just one box)
a) Secondary Education (GCSE/O-Levels) 1 e) Post-graduate Degree (MA, MSc, PhD, etc.) 5
b) Post-Secondary Education (College, A-Levels, NVQ 3 or below, or similar) 2 f) Professional Qualification (e.g. teaching, nursing, accounting, civil engineering) 6
c) Vocational Qualification (Diploma, Certificate, BTEC, NVQ 4 and above, or similar) 3 g) Other 7
d) Undergraduate Degree (BA, BSc, etc.) 4 h) Prefer not to say 8

8b: What is your nationality?
a) English <b>1</b> e) Irish (Republic <b>5</b>
b) Scottish 2 f) Non UK - 6
c) Welsh 3
d) Northern Irish 4 g) Prefer not to say 7
9: Have you ever served in the Armed Forces?
a) Yes, I am still serving as a Regular 1 c) Yes, but I am no longer serving 3
b) Yes, I am still serving as a Reservist 2 d) No, I have never served 4
10: Do you live separately from your spouse/civil partner during the working week?
Yes 1 No 2 If No, please go to Q12
11: If yes, how often do you see your spouse/civil partner?
a) Weekly 1 c) Monthly 3 e) Other 5
b) Fortnightly 2 d) Less than monthly 4
12: In the past 12 months approximately how much time has your spouse/civil partner spent away from home for Service reasons?
a) Not been away 1 c) Up to 3 months 3 e) Up to 9 5 g) Not applicable 7
b) Up to 1 month 2 d) Up to 6 f) Up to 12 6 months 6
12a: In the past year have you been able to access facilities on your local base?
a) No, I did not need to <b>1</b> c) Yes, but with some difficulty <b>3</b>
b) No, I have been unable to 2 d) Yes, easily 4
12b: Is your spouse/civil partner's parent unit your local base?         a) Yes       1       b) No       2       c) Don't know       3
12c: If you were easily able to access your local base, would you use the facilities?
Yes 1 No 2

We are asking about Nationality because policy holders would like to understand how many Non-UK partners and spouses they are supporting and what aspects of support need to be improved.

Electoral Registration
13: Are you currently registered to vote? (Please choose one)
a) Yes, and I registered without difficulty
b) Yes, but I had some difficulty registering
c) No, I chose not to register <b>3</b>
d) No, I was not able to register 4 Please go to Q15
e) Don't know <b>5</b> - The Childcare & Children's Education Section
f) Prefer not to say 6
14: If yes, which registration option did you use? (Please choose one)
a) I'm registered as an ordinary/residential voter - registered for one year, via the annual update of voters (annual canvass) 1 d) Don't know 4
b) I'm registered as a Service voter - registered for five years, via a service declaration
c) I'm registered as an overseas voter - registered for one year, in the same way as a non-forces British citizen living overseas
You can register to vote at the following link: https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote
Childcare & Children's Education
15: Do you have any children?
Yes 1 No 2 If No, please go to Q40 - The Healthcare Section
<b>16:</b> If yes, how many children do you have? (Please write the number of children in each box. If you do not have children in that age group, please insert '0')
a) Under 5 years 1 d) 18+ and in full time education 4
b) 5-11 years 2 e) 18+ and not in full time education 5
c) 12-17 years 3
17: Have you needed early years childcare in the last 12 months? (children between 0-4 years)
Yes 1 No 2 If No, please go to Q20
18: If yes, have you been able to access early years (0-4 years) childcare?
Yes 1 If Yes, please go to Q19 No 2

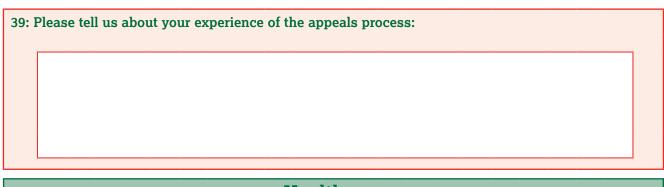
Tob. If no, what difficulties have y	ou had acce	essing early	years childcar	e (0-4 years)?	(Please specify)
19: How satisfied or dissatisfied a	re you with	the followin	g aspects of y	our local earl	y years
(0-4 years) childcare facilities?	Very	Satisfied	Neither satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very
a) Access (e.g. distance, transportation	satisfied	Satisfied	nor dissatisfied	Dissatistied	dissatisfied
waiting lists		2	3	4	5
b) Quality	1	2	3	4	5
c) Cos	t 1	2	3	4	5
d) Opening hours	5 <b>1</b>	2	3	4	5
20: Have you needed childcare for	school age	children in t	the last 12 mor	nths? (e.g. br	eakfast/after
school clubs, child-minder pickup					
Yes		No	2 If No,	please go to Q2	22
21: How satisfied or dissatisfied a	-	the followin	g aspects of y	our local chil	dcare for school
age children?	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
age children? a) Availability	satisfied	Satisfied 2		Dissatisfied	
	satisfied y 1		nor dissatisfied		dissatisfied
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<b>24:</b> Do you currently take up the offer of any Government initiatives around childcare? ( <i>Please tick all that apply</i> )
a) Salary Sacrifice Scheme 1 d) Other 1
b) Tax-Free Childcare Accounts 1 6) No I do not currently use any Government initiatives around childcare 1
c) Free Childcare hours
25: If not, what is the main reason? (Please tick one box only)
a) I am not aware of these schemes 1 d) The schemes do not suit my personal circumstances 4
b) I do not think I am eligible for any of these schemes 2 e) The process is too difficult/ time consuming 5
c) I do not need any of these schemes 3 f) Other 6
26: Do you have any children of school age?
Yes 1 No 2 If <b>No</b> , please go to Q40 - The Healthcare Section
27: Please tell us the number of children you have at each type of school.         (Enter the number of children in each type of school, if you do not have any children at that type of school please insert '0')         a) State school       1       c) Independent day school       3       Home schooling (by choice not due)       5
a) State school 1 c) Independent day school 3 (by choice not due to Covid-19) b) MOD (Service school) 2 d) Independent boarding school 4 Other 6
28: Do you receive CEA (Continuity of Education Allowance)?
Yes 1 No 2
29: Whether you use it or not, is CEA an important part of the Army employment package?
Yes 1 No 2 Not sure 3
30: Do you find CEA policy easy to understand and follow?
Yes 1 Some of it, not all 2 No 3
31: If you claim CEA, does it place pressure on you and your family to ensure your spouse is compliant with policy guidelines?
Yes, a lot 1 Some 2 Not much 3 No pressure 4
32: Did you experience any difficulties with your children's schooling in the last 12 months?
Yes 1 No 2 If No, please go to Q34

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33: If yes, did you experience any of the following difficulties? (Tick all that apply)
a) Insufficient transportation to school 1 h) Obtaining support for Special Educational Needs (SEN) 1
b) Distance to school <b>1</b> i) School admission application period did not coincide with notification of assignment <b>1</b>
c) Getting a place at the school of your choice 1 j) Local Authority was unsupportive 1
d) Getting enough information about schools in your area 1 k) Continuing your children's education without a gap 1
e) Not enough places at your local school 1 l) Differences in syllabus 1
f) Unsuitable educational standard of local school 1 m) Difficulties related to COVID-19 1
g) Children could not attend same school together 1 n) Other 1
Please use the box at the end of the survey to tell us of any other difficulties.
34: Did any of your children change school in the last 12 months?
a) Yes, for Service reasons 1 b) Yes, for other reasons 2 c) No 3 If No, please go to Q40 - The Healthcare Section
35: If any of your children changed school in the last 12 months, were you able to apply within the timeframe for the normal point of entry to a school (i.e. within the school application period for the beginning of Reception, Year 7 or Year 12 or equivalent)?         Yes       1       No       2
36: If any of your children changed school in the last 12 months, did you apply for a place at a State school?
Yes 1 No 2 If No, please go to Q40 - The Healthcare Section
<b>37: Which of the following best describes your child's state school allocation?</b> ( <i>Please tick one box only</i> )
a) My child was allocated a place at their 1st choice of school
b) My child was allocated a place at their 2nd or 3rd choice of school
c) My child was not allocated a place at one of their 3 preferred choices 3
d) Other - please specify below 4
38: Which of the following best describes how you felt about your child's school allocation?
a) I was happy with their allocation <b>1</b> Please go to Q40 -
b) I was not entirely happy with their allocation but chose not to appeal 2 The Healthcare Section
c) I appealed against their allocation 3

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## Healthcare

In this section we wish to ask about the provision of healthcare services for Service families (excluding any serving personnel). If you and your spouse/civil partner are both currently serving in the Armed Forces and have no children, please go to Q44 - The Accommodation Section.

40: In the last 12 months have services?	you/your childre	n been able to acc	ess the following	healthcare
	Yes, without difficulties	Yes, but with some difficulties	No, I was unable to	No, I did not need to
a) Dental treat	ment 1	2	3	4
b) GP (including Nurse/Midwife	e etc)	2	3	4
c) Mental Health treat	ment 1	2	3	4
d) Hospital or specialist ser (including orthodo		2	3	4
Please use the text box at the en	d of the survey to	tell us about the diff	iculties you may ha	ve encountered.

Please only complete the following questions if you have moved within the last 12 months. If you have not moved, please go to Q44 - The Accommodation Section.

41: If you/your children were undergoing a course of treatment with any of the following services at the time of your move, were you/your children able to continue the treatment in your new location?								
	és, without difficulties	Yes, but with some difficulties	No, I was unable to continue treatment	Not applicable - not undergoing treatment				
a) Dental treatme	nt 1	2	3	4				
b) GP (including Nurse/Midwife et	c) 1	2	3	4				
c) Mental Health treatme	nt 1	2	3	4				
d) Hospital or specialist service (including orthodontis		2	3	4				
42: In the last 12 months have yo consultant's appointment?	u or any of you	r children been on	a waiting list fo	r an operation/				
Yes 1 No 2 If No, please go to Q44 - The Accommodation Section								
43: If yes, was the waiting time increased as a result of moving?								
Yes 1	No 2	Don't know	3 Not app	licable 4				

Accommodation							
44: Do you own your own home?							
a) Yes, I am living in it	c) No 3 If <b>No</b> , please						
	ut I am currently saving $4 \int go to Q46$						
45: If you currently own your own home, why did you decid	le to buy it? (Tick all that apply)						
a) Stability for self and family	d) Poor standard of Service Family Accommodation (SFA)						
b) To take advantage of allowances to live in own home	e) Poor location of Service Family Accommodation						
c) For financial investment or to rent out	f) For resettlement						
46: If you don't own your own home, which of the following	statements apply to you? (Tick all that apply)						
a) I/we don't want to own a home at this stage in my/our life/career(s)	f) I/we can't afford to buy a suitable home at the moment						
b) Living in Service accommodation is better suited to my family's needs at present than home ownership	g) I/we don't want to risk losing 1						
c) I/we want to be able to move with my spouse/ civil partner when he/she is posted	h) I/we wouldn't be able to live in the home						
d) I/we don't want to buy a home where we are currently located	i) I/we had difficulties getting a mortgage						
e) I am expecting my spouse/civil partner to be posted over- seas or to an area where I/we don't want to buy a home	j) Other <b>1</b>						
47: What type of accommodation do you live in during the	working week? (Tick one box only)						
a) Service Family Accommodation (SFA)	e) Property I/we own 5						
b) Substitute Service Family Accommodation (SSFA)	f) Privately rented accommodation 6						
c) Single Living Accommodation (SLA)	g) Other accommodation <b>7</b>						
d) Substitute Service Single Accommodation (SSSA) Formerly SSLA							
48: What type of accommodation would you PREFER to live	e in during the <i>working week</i> ?						
(Tick one box only)							
a) Service Family Accommodation (SFA)	e) Property I/we own 5						
b) Substitute Service Family Accommodation (SSFA)	f) Privately rented accommodation 6						
c) Single Living Accommodation (SLA)	g) Other accommodation <b>7</b>						
d) Substitute Service Single Accommodation (SSSA) Formerly SSLA							

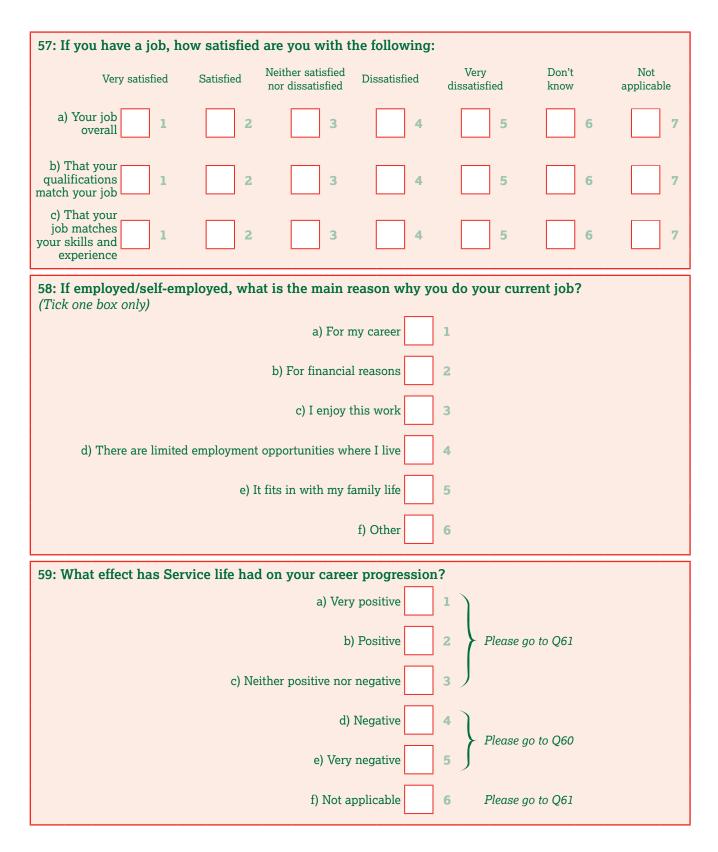
49: If you live in Service Family Accommodation (SFA) or Substitute Service Family Accommodation (SSFA), how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with each of the following?								
Ve	ry satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Don't know/ Not applicable		
a) The overall standard	1	2	3	4	5	6		
b) The value for money	1	2	3	4	5	6		
c) The response to requests for maintenance/repair		2	3	4	5	6		
d) The quality of maintenance/ repair work		2	3	4	5	6		
e) How fairly Service accommodation is allocated		2	3	4	5	6		
f) The security of your SFA SSFA		2	3	4	5	6		
g) The cleanliness of your accommodation when moving in		2	3	4	5	6		
h) The speed at which accommodation is allocated		2	3	4	5	6		
i) Permission to keep pets	s <b>1</b>	2	3	4	5	6		

## 50: If you live in privately rented accommodation, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with each of the following?

Ver	y satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Don't know/ Not applicable	
a) The overall standard	1	2	3	4	5	6	
b) The value for money	1	2	3	4	5	6	
c) The response to requests for maintenance/repair		2	3	4	5	6	
d) The quality of maintenance/ repair work		2	3	4	5	6	
e) The security of your accommodation		2	3	4	5	6	
f) The cleanliness of your accommodation when moving in		2	3	4	5	6	
g) The speed with which you can obtain accommodation		2	3	4	5	6	
h) Permission to keep pets	1	2	3	4	5	6	
51: If you live in privately rented accommodation or your own house during the working week, what is your spouse/civil partner's one-way commuting time (by any mode of transport)?							
	a) Up t	o 15 minutes	1 0	d) Between 46	and 60 minutes	4	
b) Be	etween 16 an	d 30 minutes	2 0	e) Between 61	and 90 minutes	5	
c) Be	etween 31 an	d 45 minutes	3	f) C	Over 90 minutes	6	

Employment
52: In the last 12 months, have you or your family been able to:
Yes, without difficultyYes, but with some difficultyNo, I was unable toNo, I did not need toa) Access Further or Higher Education1234b) Continue a course previously started1234
53: Have you been able to access funding for these courses?
a) Yes, easily 1   b) Yes, experienced some difficulties due to being a Service family 2   c) Yes, experienced significant difficulties due to being a Service family 3
54: In the last 12 months have you or your family accompanied your spouse/civil partner on overseas
assignments? Yes 1 No 2 If <b>No</b> , please go to Q56
55: If yes, were you able to:
Yes, without Yes, but with No, I was No, I did not need to a) Obtain paid employment overseas 1 2 3 4 b) Access Service-provided information 1 2 3 4
56: What is your current employment status? (Tick all that apply)
a) In full-time employment
b) In part-time employment
c) Self-employed
d) Homemaker/parent at home <b>1</b>
e) Not employed - seeking employment
f) Not employed - not seeking employment
g) In full-time education/personal development <b>1</b> Please go to Q59
h) In part-time education 1
i) My immigration status means that I am unable to work
j) Not applicable

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60: If Service life has had a negative/very negative of any of the following? ( <i>Tick all that apply</i> )	ve effect on your career progression, was it because
a) Partner unable to assist <b>1</b> with care responsibilities	c) Frequent moves with Service postings
b) Access to childcare	d) Location of Service postings
	e) Other <i>(Please specify below)</i>
61: Have you been looking for a job in the last 12	e months?
Yes 1	No 2 If No, please go to Q64
62: If yes, did you have any difficulty finding sui	table employment?
Yes 1	No 2 If No, please go to Q64
<b>63: If you experienced difficulty finding suitable following?</b> ( <i>Tick all that apply</i> )	employment, was it because of any of the
	employment, was it because of any of the e) Having a spouse/civil partner in the Armed Forces
following? (Tick all that apply)	e) Having a spouse/civil partner in the
following? (Tick all that apply)         a) A lack of relevant qualifications         b) Your employment history (i.e.	e) Having a spouse/civil partner in the Armed Forces f) Access to affordable and
following? (Tick all that apply)         a) A lack of relevant qualifications         b) Your employment history (i.e. changing jobs frequently)         c) Being overseas with your spouse/	<ul> <li>e) Having a spouse/civil partner in the Armed Forces</li> <li>f) Access to affordable and quality childcare</li> <li>g) Partner unable to assist with care</li> </ul>
following? (Tick all that apply)         a) A lack of relevant qualifications         b) Your employment history (i.e. changing jobs frequently)         c) Being overseas with your spouse/ civil partner         d) Having a spouse/civil partner who is	<ul> <li>e) Having a spouse/civil partner in the Armed Forces</li> <li>f) Access to affordable and quality childcare</li> <li>g) Partner unable to assist with care responsibilities</li> <li>h) Extended family live too far away to</li> </ul>
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Please go to Q66 - The Deployment section

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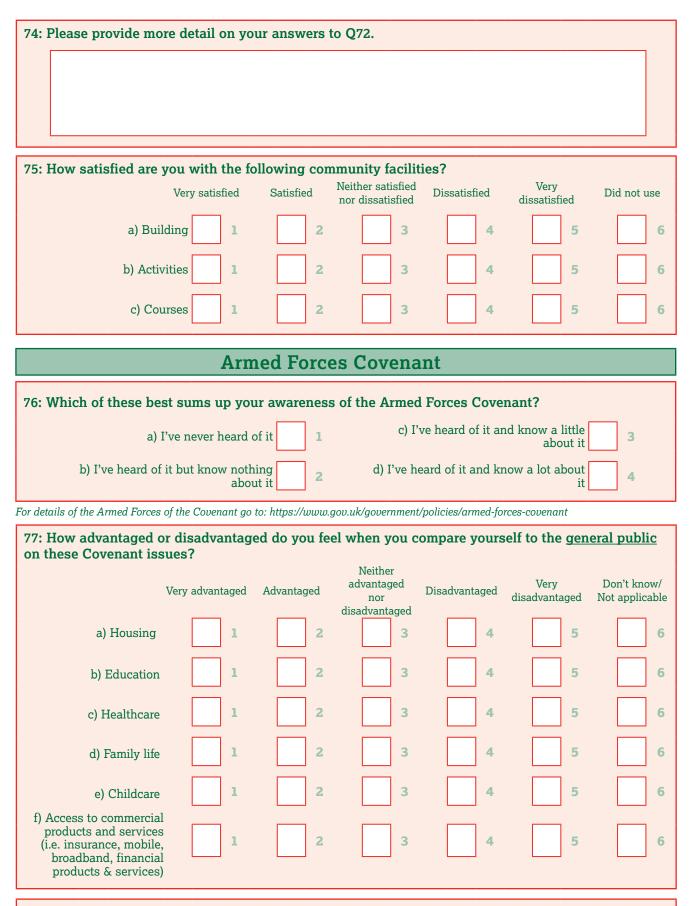
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65: Which of the following would help you find/change employment? (Please tick all that apply)
a) CV writing course <b>1</b> e) Self-employment/small business course <b>1</b>
b) Interview skills course 1 f) Other 1
c) Access to jobs database 1 g) Not applicable 1
d) Career consultancy service
Deployment
66: What is your view of operational tours?
Too often     About right     Not often enough       a) Frequency     1     2     3
b) Length 1 About right Too short 3
67: Do you know where to go for Service-provided welfare support and information while your spouse/civil partner is on an operational tour?
Yes 1 No 2 Not applicable 3
68: When was your spouse/civil partner's last operational tour? a) Currently on operational
tour 1
b) In the last 12 months
c) 1 to 2 years ago <b>3</b>
d) 3 to 5 years ago 4
e) More than 5 years ago 5 Please go to Q72 - The Welfare section
f) Not applicable 6
69: How satisfied were you with the following BEFORE your spouse/civil partner's most recent operational tour? ( <i>Tick one box per line</i> )
Very satisfied Satisfied Neither satisfied Dissatisfied Very dissatisfied Dissatisfied Dissatisfied Very dissatisfied
a) The welfare support you used (e.g. information, Padre, support staff, SSAFA officer) 1 2 3 4 5 6
b) Direct contact and support from your spouse/civil 1 2 3 4 5 6 partner`s Chain of Command
c) Facilities and events to meet with other spouses and families 1 2 3 4 5 6

<b>70:</b> How satisfied were you with the following DURING your spouse/civil partner's most recent <b>operational tour?</b> ( <i>Tick one box per line</i> )							
Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Did not use		
a) The welfare support you used (e.g. information, Padre, support staff, SSAFA officer)	2	3	4	5	6		
b) Direct contact and support from your spouse/civil partner's Chain of Command	2	3	4	5	6		
c) Facilities and events to meet with other spouses and families	2	3	4	5	6		
d) Lines of communication with your spouse/civil partner	2	3	4	5	6		
71. How oothefied more new with the	fallowing A						
71: How satisfied were you with the operational tour? ( <i>Tick one box per l</i>	-	FIER your spo	use/civii pari	ner s most re	cent		
Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Did not use		
a) The welfare support you used (e.g. information, Padre, support staff, SSAFA officer)	2	3	4	5	6		
b) Direct contact and support from your spouse/civil partner's Chain of Command	2	3	4	5	6		
c) Facilities and events to meet with other spouses and families	2	3	4	5	6		
	TATol	fare					
72: If you or your family have used t the following aspects of Service-pro			months, how	satisfied are	you with		
Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Did not use		
a) Contact from your Unit Welfare Officer	2	3	4	5	6		
b) Access to your Unit							
Welfare Officer	2	3	4	5	6		
	2	3	4	5	6		
Welfare Officer							
Welfare Officer 1 c) Service provided from your Unit Welfare Officer 1	2	3	4	5	6		
Welfare Officer 1 c) Service provided from your 1 d) Army Welfare Service 1 e) Access to your Army 1	2	3	4	5	6		
Welfare Officer       1         c) Service provided from your Unit Welfare Officer       1         d) Army Welfare Service       1         e) Access to your Army Welfare Services       1         f) Service provided from your       1	2 2 2 2	3	4	5	6		
Welfare Officer       1         c) Service provided from your Unit Welfare Officer       1         d) Army Welfare Service       1         e) Access to your Army Welfare Services       1         f) Service provided from your Army Welfare Services       1         g) Children's Educational       1	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	3		5	6 6 6 6		



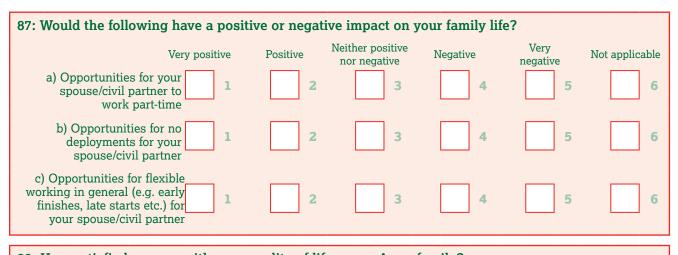
78: Are there any other areas in which you feel particularly <u>advantaged</u> when compared to the general public?

79: Are there any other areas in which you feel particularly <u>disadvantaged</u> when compared to the general public?

80: How positive or negative do you feel about the following aspects of Service family life?								
Ve	ry positive	Positive	Neither positive nor negative	Negative	Very negative	Not applicable		
a) Effect on my career	1	2	3	4	5	6		
b) Effect on my children	1	2	3	4	5	6		
c) Army provided facilities (housing, Messes etc)		2	3	4	5	6		
d) Effect on relationship with my spouse/civil partner		2	3	4	5	6		
e) Number of house moves	1	2	3	4	5	6		
f) Household income	1	2	3	4	5	6		
g) Knowing other military families		2	3	4	5	6		
<ul> <li>h) Community support for my family (HIVE, Chaplaincy, Community Support Officer, Coffee Shop etc.)</li> </ul>	1	2	3	4	5	6		
i) Amount of separation from spouse/civil partner		2	3	4	5	6		
j) Prospects of buying own home		2	3	4	5	6		
k) Opportunities for travel	1	2	3	4	5	6		
l) Pride in my spouse/civil partner being in the Service		2	3	4	5	6		
m) Job security	1	2	3	4	5	6		
n) The stability of my family life	1	2	3	4	5	6		
o) My spouse/civil partner's work-life balance		2	3	4	5	6		
p) Patch life (i.e. living with other Service families)		2	3	4	5	6		
q) Opportunities for overseas postings		2	3	4	5	6		
r) Armed Forces spousal employment support		2	3	4	5	6		
s) My spouse/civil partner's annual leave entitlement		2	3	4	5	6		
t) Armed Forces pension	1	2	3	4	5	6		

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81: Please list the top three things that the Army could do to make Service family life better for you.  1.
1.
2.
3.
82: Thinking about your total household income (your salary, your spouse/civil partner's salary, benefits etc.), to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following:
Agree Neither agree Disagree
a) It is enough for me/my family to manage financially 1 2 3
b) I/my family find it difficult to get by financially 1 2 3
83: How does your salary compare to your spouse/civil partner's?
A lot less     Less     About the same     More     A lot more     I'd rather not say     Don't know       1     2     3     4     5     6     7
84: Do you have a workplace or private pension?
Yes 1 No 2 Don't 3
85: How would you rate your awareness of the Armed Forces X-Factor?
a) I've never heard of it <b>1</b> Please go to Q87
b) I've heard of it but know nothing about it 2
c) I've heard of it and know a little about it 3
d) I've heard of it and know a lot about it 4
86: If you have heard of the Armed Forces X-Factor, to what extent do you agree or disagree that the X-Factor in your spouse/civil partner's salary is enough compensation for Service lifestyle, working conditions and expectations?
Strongly agree     Agree     Neither agree nor disagree     Disagree     Strongly disagree     Not heard of it       1     2     3     4     5     6



88:	: How satisfied are you	with your quali	ty of life, as an Arm	ny family?		
	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	
	1	2	3	4	5	

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89: Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statement:							
St	rongly agree	Agree		er agree nor lisagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know/ Not applicable
a) I feel valued by the Arm	у 1		2	3	4	5	6
b) I feel part of the wide Army communit			2	3	4	5	6
c) I enjoy being part of th wider Army communit			2	3	4	5	6
d) I feel part of th civilian communit			2	3	4	5	6
e) I enjoy being part of th civilian communit			2	3	4	5	6
f) I feel respected b society at larg			2	3	4	5	6
g) I feel that the Arm manages to balance wor and family lif	k 1		2	3	4	5	6
h) I am able to get th information I need abou support offered to me b the Arm	ıt <b>1</b> y		2	3	4	5	6
i) My family benefits from being an Army famil			2	3	4	5	6
j) I support my partner career in the Arm			2	3	4	5	6

90: Over the last 12 months have you: (Tick one box only)				
a) Strongly encouraged your spouse/civil partner to <b>stay</b> in the Army <b>1</b> Please go to Q91				
b) Encouraged your spouse/civil partner to <b>stay</b> in the Army				
c) Neither 3 Please go to Q93				
d) Encouraged your spouse/civil partner to <b>leave</b> the Army Please go to Q92				
e) Strongly encouraged your spouse/civil partner to <b>leave</b> the Army <b>5</b>				
91: What were your main reasons for encouraging your spouse/civil partner to stay in the Army:				
1.				
2.				
3.				
92: What were your main reasons for encouraging your spouse/civil partner to <u>leave</u> the Army:				
1.				
2.				
3.				
93: How would you feel if your spouse/civil partner chose to leave the Army?				

21

I would be

much happier

1

I would be

happier

2

I would be

no different

3

I would be

less happy

4

I would be

much less happy

5

Don't know

6

Well-Being					
As part of measuring well-being we are interested to understand how satisfied you are with your life in general. The questions below are not linked to the Service but to your <u>life in general</u>					
94: Overall, how satisfied are you with your life nowadays?					
Not at all         Compl           0         1         2         3         4         5         6         7         8         9         10					
95: Overall, how happy did you feel yesterday?					
Not at all         Completion           0         1         2         3         4         5         6         7         8         9         10					
96: Overall, how anxious did you feel yesterday?					
Not at all         Completion           0         1         2         3         4         5         6         7         8         9         10					
97: Overall, to what extent do you feel the things you do in your life are worthwhile?					
Not at all         Compl           0         1         2         3         4         5         6         7         8         9         10					
98: How often do you feel lonely?					
Often Some of the time Occasionally Hardly ever Never					
1 2 3 4 5   Feedback					
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99c: How does the Army **currently** communicate with you about information from your Serving Partner's unit/local information?

99d: How does the Army currently communicate with you about other information?

99e: How would you **prefer** the Army to communicate with you about information relating to the Army in general?

99f: How would you **prefer** the Army to communicate with you about information relating to Army Families policies and policy updates?

99g: How would you **prefer** the Army to communicate with you about information from your Serving Partner's Unit/local information?

99h: How would you prefer the Army to communicate with you about other information?

100: This surve	vie			
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	Too long 1	About right 2	Too short 3	

101: How long did it take you to complete this survey?						
Less than 10 10 - 19 minutes minutes 2	20 - 29 minutes 3	30 - 39 minutes 4	40 - 49 minutes 5	50 - 59 minutes	Over an hour 7	
102: Please add any comments you wish to make about any other Service-related issues you have faced in the last 12 months.						
103: Which area(s) does your com	ment relate	to? (Please tic	k all that apply	)		
a) Healthcare	1		g) My ed	ucation	1	
b) Children's education	1		h) Hom	ie move	1	
c) Childcare	1		i) Family relation	onships	1	
d) Housing	1	j)	Finance/family	income	1	
e) Employment/my career	1		k) Service com	munity	1	
f) Welfare	1		l) Othe	r issues	1	

#### **2021 FamCAS HEADLINE REPORT SUMMARY OF KEY FINDINGS**

- **Response rates.** 8,870 Regular Army Service Personnel (SP) were sent the Families Continuous Attitude Survey (FamCAS) to pass onto their spouses. The response rate was 28% for 2021 which is consistent with last year.
- About you. The majority of respondents were female (92%), 81% had children, and 44% were below the age of 35. Spouses / partners of ORs tended to be younger than those of Officers. Nine percent of spousal respondents were 'dual serving' with the majority (82%) having 'never served in the Armed Forces'. Most spouses were located in England (60%) and, from those who responded from England, over two thirds were based in the South (68%).
- Accommodation. Home ownership has gradually increased over the last five years. Fifty five percent of spouses reported they own their own home, a significant increase of 9% from 2013. While there was a higher percentage of Officers' spouses (77%) who own their own home compared to ORs' (47%), since 2013 there has been a rise of 9% in reporting home ownership in families of ORs from 38% to 47%.
- Since 2015 spousal respondents have cited the 'stability of themselves and their family' (72%) as the main reason for buying a house. This was followed by 'financial investment' (28%, down 3% since 2020) and 'due to the poor standard of SFA' (18%) which has remained stable since 2019 (19%).
- The top three reasons selected by respondents for not owning a house were: 'cannot afford to buy a suitable home at the moment' (52% ); feel 'living in Service accommodation suited their family's needs at the present time' (42%); and want to 'move with their spouse when they are posted' (33%). Of respondents who 'live in SFA during the working week' (67%), nearly two thirds (65%) report that SFA is good 'value for money'. Similar to last year, 55% reported they were satisfied with the overall standard, but this is a significant decrease of 6% since 2019 (61%). The highest levels of dissatisfaction continued to be with the 'quality of maintenance/repair work' (47%) (a significant increase compared with 2019 (41%) and the 'response to maintenance/repair requests' (40%).
- Spousal employment. Since 2018 there has been an upward trend in the spouses who reported they were employed (up 2% to 75%). This remains below the other Services (RN/RM=81%, RAF=81%). More Officers' (80%) than ORs' spouses (74%) report being employed. Of those seeking work (34%), two-thirds of spouses (68%) report experiencing difficulties finding suitable employment. The two main reasons cited for this continue to be related to care responsibilities: 'partner not being able to assist with care responsibilities' (45%) and 'extended family living too far away to assist with childcare' (42%).
- Service Life. The top three aspects of Service life which respondents felt most positive about are 'pride in my spouse being in the Army' (81%), the 'Armed Forces pension' (66%), up 7% from last year, and their 'spouse's annual leave entitlement' (65%). The three aspects of Service life which respondents felt most negative about were 'effect on career' (51%); the amount of separation from spouse (42%); and the effect on their children

(41%), with 11%, 9% and 21% feeling positive about these points respectively.

- Childcare. Eighty one percent of respondents had children under the age of 18. Thirty nine percent had children are under the age of five. Seventy three percent of respondents reported needing childcare and significantly more ORs' (75%) than Officers' spouses (66%).
- Of those, 33% of families reported needing early years childcare (0-4 years) in the last 12 months and 37% required childcare for school age children (a decrease of 10% from last year). Of those who have children, 31% did not need childcare and 43% were unable to access childcare.
- **Children's education.** Of those who had children of school age, 30% reported difficulties with their children's schooling (n=430). This has steadily increased by 12% since 2019. More spouses of Officers (33%) than ORs (7%) who responded utilise CEA and believe it is an important part of the Army package (Off=74%, ORs=40%).
- With regards to understanding of CEA policy, 39% Officers' and 29% of ORs' spouses reporting that CEA was not easy to understand and follow. Almost half of Officers' spouses (48%) and 28% of ORs' spouses reported that CEA places a lot of pressure on them and their family to ensure their spouse is compliant with policy guidelines.
- Armed Forces Covenant (AFC). Just over one third of respondents (37%) have not 'heard of the AFC' and, of those who have, 17% 'know nothing about it'.
- When compared to the general public, Army spouses reported feeling more disadvantaged than advantaged with regards to Family life (37%:13%), Childcare (34%:7%), Education (22%:16%), Healthcare (21%:16%), and Access to commercial products and services (20%:10%).
- Wellbeing. There has been a significant increase in high 'anxiety' levels in spouses of ORs from 27% last year to 34%, with no change in spouses of Officers. There are also significantly more spouses of Officers (40%) reporting a high level of 'feeling that things in their life are worthwhile' compared to spouses of ORs (33%). More spouses of ORs (18%) often/always feel lonely, compared to spouses of Officers (13%).
- This year there was a significant decrease in Army spouses who felt disadvantaged when compared to the general public on 'family life' (down 6% from 2020 to 37%). The percentage of respondents who felt disadvantaged about education compared with public has remained stable (22%). Significantly fewer feel they are advantaged with housing (down 6% to 33%).
- Wellbeing. Consistent with previous years, 41% of the general public reported low levels of anxiety compared with Army spouses (27%) the day before they completed the survey. 19% of spouses reported low levels of anxiety, 25% reported medium levels of anxiety, and just over a quarter (29%) experienced high levels of anxiety compared with 20% of the general public.

### Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey

#### Please find below a list of useful contact points for your information:

Armed Forces Covenant - www.gov.uk/government/policies/armed-forces-covenant

**Forcesline** - Personal, confidential and independent support and advice. Line is available from Monday to Friday, excluding Bank Holidays from 09.00-17.30 (UK local time), and can be accessed anywhere in the world. Tel: (UK) 0800 731 4880, (Germany) 0800 182 7395, (Cyprus) 800 91065, (Worldwide) +44 (0)207 463 9292, and the support staff will phone you back, (most Operational Theatres via Paradigm 'Homelink' service) \*201.

**Children's Educational Advisory Service** - An MoD Service, independent of the Chain of Command, set up to provide information, advice and support for Armed Services families about issues relating to the education of their children. Email: dcyp-ceas-enquiries@mod.uk

**HIVE** - Help, information and sign posting to professional support agencies. Website: www.army.mod.uk/hives

**ABF The Soldier's Charity** - A charity that has provided lifetime of support to serving and retired soldiers and their families in need. Website: www.soldierscharity.org

**Army Families Federation** - An independent organisation that voices the concerns of Army families and works towards improving the quality of life for Army families. Website: www.aff.org.uk

**Army Central Fund** - The British Army's "own" charity that delivers financial support by means of grants, for the benefit of All Ranks, their families and dependants of the Serving Army including Army widows and those supporting organisations which provide expertise and assistance to the Army. Website: www.armycentralfund.org.uk

**HQ Army Welfare Service** - Provides specialist welfare support to serving soldiers and their families. Open 9am - 5pm (UK local time), Mon-Fri. Tel: 94222 7586 or +44 (0)1252 787586 or E-Mail: AWS-HQ-0MAILBOX@mod.uk

**The Forces Families Jobs Portal** - Employers who are signed up to the Armed Forces Covenant or are able to demonstrate their commitment to the Armed Forces. Website: www.forcesfamiliesjobs.co.uk

**Army Dependants Trust** - A charity which provides discretionary cash awards to dependants of Officers & Soldiers who die in service, from whatever cause, on or off duty. Website: www.cobseo.org.uk/members/directory/army-dependants-trust

**MoneyForce** - A provider of educational and not financial products that should be considered as part of any debt awareness training and debt management plan. Website: www.moneyforce.org.uk

**COBSEO (The Confederation of Service Charities)** - Cobseo represents the whole Serving and Veterans Community, for any individual looking for charitable support. Website: www.cobseo.org.uk

**MOD Data Protection** - Website: www.gov.uk/government/publications/ministry-of-defence-privacy-notice/mod-privacy-notice#how-we-collect-or-process-your-data

Please return this survey by 25th April 2022 in the enclosed return envelope

#### **MESSAGE FROM ARMED FORCES FAMILIES & SAFEGUARDING**

'The Prime Minister will shortly endorse the UK Armed Forces Families Strategy 2021-31, This Strategy, and its associated Action Plan, has a dual focus: to inspire partnership working across the UK, honouring the enduring pledge of the Armed Forces Covenant; and to provide direction to policy makers, the single Services and public service providers to empower armed forces families to live rich and fulfilling lives alongside their loved ones. As such, the Strategy provides both the context and the framework for the delivery of a range of practical interventions designed to strengthen and improve policies and service provision across the armed forces families' agenda, leading to improved retention and enhanced operational effectiveness. The strategy is therefore underpinned not only by a moral force but also by practical considerations around the link between strong family support, the health and wellbeing of the family unit and both retention and enhanced operational effectiveness. Measuring the success of the Armed Forces Families Strategy and Plan will be critical, and the Families Continuous Attitude Survey will provide essential evidence in measuring that success.'

Peter Davis (Head Armed Forces Families and Safeguarding)

#### **ABOUT THIS SURVEY**

#### What is this survey about?

The RAF Families Survey provides spouses/civil partners with an opportunity to share their views on what life is like being married to/in a civil partnership with a member of the RAF. The survey asks questions about key welfare areas including family life, childcare, deployment, education, employment, healthcare, and housing.

#### Why have I received this survey?

The RAF Families Survey is sent to a random selection of Service families each year, located both within the UK and overseas. Since the Data Protection Act (2018) does not allow us to contact families directly, the Service person to whom the survey is addressed to is requested to pass this survey to their spouse/civil partner for completion.

#### How are the findings used?

The results from the survey are used to aid the development and monitoring of military personnel policies and welfare initiatives. They are also used to inform and monitor Defence personnel programmes and the Armed Forces Covenant.

#### I am also serving. Do I still need to complete it?

We are interested in capturing the views of both civilian partners and dual-serving couples as they both face unique issues. If you and your spouse/civil partner are both serving in the Armed Forces, this survey should be completed by the spouse/civil partner of the named recipient of the survey.

#### Do I have to complete the survey?

Whilst completion is entirely voluntary, we encourage recipients to tell us their views so that we can make positive changes in the RAF.

#### Who will see my answers?

All replies will be treated in the strictest confidence and are completely anonymous. Your individual responses will only be seen by the civilian researchers conducting this survey and external data input contractors. For more information on how we look after your responses please go to: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ministry-of-defence-privacy-notice/modprivacy-notice#how-we-collect-or-process-your-data</u> (Use link in Google Chrome)

#### When is the deadline?

Please return your completed survey using the free-post envelope provided to arrive by 25th April 2022

#### COMPLETING THE SURVEY ONLINE

This survey is also available to complete online at the link below. It is strongly recommended that you open the survey in Google Chrome.

#### YOU WILL REQUIRE A TOKEN TO ACCESS THE ONLINE SURVEY.

This is your serving person's Service number and is case sensitive. If you are dual-serving, please use the Service number of the person to whom this survey was addressed.

## https://surveys.mod.uk/index.php/311186?lang=en

#### Why do I have to enter my partner's service number?

To ensure that only families of RAF personnel are able to complete the survey, participants are required to input a token (access code) before entering the online survey. Please note that the token is **not** linked to your responses and it is impossible to link responses to Service personnel. The token is simply used as a security precaution.

### FURTHER INFORMATION

If you have any queries, then please feel free to contact Emma Fairclough (HQ Air Occupational Psychology Team) at Air-COSPers-PolPsychGrpMbox@mod.gov.uk or call us on +443001565915.

### **ROYAL AIR FORCE FAMILIES SURVEY 2022**

This survey should be completed by the **SPOUSE/CIVIL PARTNER** of the serving person to whom it was addressed. If both of you are serving in the Armed Forces, the survey should still be filled out by the spouse/civil partner of the addressee.

	SECTION A: ABOUT	YOU	
A1. Are you married to/in a civil p	artnership with a member	r of the Regular RAF?	
Yes	1		
No	2	This survey is meant for the sp Regular RAF personnel only. I to your spouse/civil partner.	
A2. What is your sex?	-		
Male			
Female		*Mandatory question. Your an	
Prefer not to say	3	vital in allowing us to ensure s applicable to the RAF populati include an answer to this ques your response is England, p	on. Surveys which do not tion cannot be counted. <b>If</b>
A3. How old are you?	years	,	
A4. *Where do you currently live?			_
England	1	Wales	4
Northern Ireland	2	Cyprus	5
Scotland	3	Other overseas	6
A5. If you currently live in Englan	d, which region do you liv	ve in?	
East Midlands	1	South East England	6
East of England	2	South West England	7
London	3	West Midlands	8
North East England	4	Yorkshire and the Humber	9
North West England	5		
A6. Have you ever served in the A	Armed Forces?		
Yes, I am still serving as a Regular	_	res, but I am no longer serving	3
Yes, I am still serving as a Reservist	2	No, I have never served	4

OFFICIAL SENSITIVE	(WHEN COMPLETED)
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We are asking this question because policy teams would like to understand how this correlates with levels of employment, and to understand how policy can be shaped to help support those seeking employment

## A7. What is the highest level of qualification you have completed? (Please tick one box only)

Secondary Education (GCSE/O-Levels) Post-Secondary Education (College, A- Levels, NVQ3 or below or similar) Vocational Qualification (Diploma, Certificate, BTEC, NVQ 4 and above or similar) Undergraduate Degree (BA, BSc, etc.)	1 2 3 4	Post-graduate Degree (MA, MSc, PhD, etc.) Professional Qualification (e.g. teaching, nursing, accounting, civil engineering) Other Prefer not to say	5 6 7 8
A8. What is your nationality?		This question is being asked because policy holders how many Non-UK partners and spouses they are su aspects of support need to be improved.	
English	1	Irish (Republic of Ireland)	5
Scottish	2	Non-UK (Specify country)	66
Welsh	3	Prefer not to say	7
Northern Irish	4		
S	ECTIC	N B: ABOUT YOUR PARTNER	
B1. Where is your spouse/civil pa England	artner o	Wales	4
Northern Ireland	2	Cyprus	5

B2. Which station/unit is your partner based at?							
B3. *What is your spouse/civil pa	rtner's rank?	(Please tick one box only)	*Mandatory ques which do not inclu this question can	ide answers to			
Air Commodore or above (OF 6+)	1	Warrant Officer or Maste	er Aircrew (OR 9)	7			
Group Captain (OF 5)	2	Flight Sergeant or Chief T	8				
Wing Commander (OF 4)	3		Sergeant (OR 6)	9			
Squadron Leader (OF 3)	4		Corporal (OR 4)	10			
Flight Lieutenant (OF 2)	5	Lance	Corporal (OR 3)	11			
Flying Officer or Pilot Officer (OF 1)	☐ <sub>6</sub> Jun	ior Technician or Aircraftman/Leading Ai Airc	rcraftman/Senior raftman (OR 1/2)	12			

Other overseas

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Scotland 3

	SECTION C: SERVICE LIFE
	C1. How satisfied are you with your quality of life as a Service family?
	Very satisfiedSatisfiedNeither satisfied nor dissatisfiedDissatisfiedVery dissatisfiedImage: Image of the satisfied of
	C2. How would you feel if your partner chose to leave the RAF?         I would be much happier       1       I would be less happy       4         I would be happier       2       I would be much less happy       5         I would be no different       3       Don't know       6
	C3. (a) In the last 12 months, how often have you done the following?
a b	All the timeA lotSometimesOccasionallyNeverEncouraged your partner to stay in the RAF12345Encouraged your partner to leave the RAF12345
	If you have never encouraged your partner to stay <b>or</b> leave, please go to <b>Question C4</b> .
	<ul> <li>(b) If applicable, what were your main reasons for encouraging the serving person to <u>stay in</u> the RAF?</li> <li>1.</li> <li>2.</li> <li>3.</li> </ul>
	(c) If applicable, what were your main reasons for encouraging the serving person to leave the RAF?
	1.
	C4. Have you moved in the last 12 months?         Yes, for Service reasons         Yes, for other reasons       1         Yes, for other reasons       2         No       3
	C5. How many times have you moved for Service reasons over the last 5 years?         None       1       Three times       4         Once       2       More than three times       5         Twice       3       3

C6. (a) Do you live separately fro Yes	m your spouse	/civil partner during the working we	ek?
No	2	If no, please go to <b>Question C7</b> .	
(b) If yes, how often do you s	ee your spous	e/civil partner?	
Weekly	1	Less than monthl	y 4
Fortnightly	2	Othe	r 5
Monthly	3		
C7. In the past 12 months approx for Service reasons?	imately how m	uch time has your spouse/civil partı	ner spent away from home
Not been away	1	Up to 9 month	<b>S</b> 5
Up to 1 month	2	Up to 12 month	<b>s</b> 6

# C8. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements. (Please tick one box per line).

Not applicable 7

Up to 3 months 3

Up to 6 months 4

а	Spouses/civil partners of serving personnel are well	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree 3	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know/Not Applicable
	supported by the RAF						L_I°
b	My spouse/civil partner is able to take annual leave at a time that suits our family	1	2	3	4	5	6
С	We are able to make long-term plans as a family	1	2	3	4	5	6
d	I feel valued by the RAF	1	2	3	4	5	6
е	I feel part of the wider RAF community	1	2	3	4	5	6
f	I feel isolated at times	1	2	3	4	5	6
g	I am able to get the information I need about support offered to me by the RAF	1	2	3	4	5	6
h	My family benefits from being a RAF family	1	2	3	4	5	6
i	I support my partner's career in the RAF	1	2	3	4	5	6

## C9. How positive or negative do you feel about the following aspects of Service family life...?

					Positive	Neither positive nor negative	Negative	Very negative	Not Applicable		
а	Effect on my career				2	3	4	5			
b	Effect on my children			1	2	3	4	5	6		
С	RAF-provided facilities (housing, Mes	sses etc)		1	2	3	4	5	6		
d	Effect on relationship with my spouse	e/civil partner		1	2	3	4	5	6		
е	Number of house moves			1	2	3	4	5	6		
f	Household income			1	2	3	4	5	6		
g	Knowing other military families			1	2	3	4	5	6		
h	Community support for my family (e.s Community Support Officer, coffee sh		ıcy,	1	2	3	4	5	6		
i	Amount of separation from spouse/ci	vil partner		1	2	3	4	5	6		
j	Prospects of buying own home			1	2	3	4	5	6		
k	Opportunities for travel			1	2	3	4	5	6		
Ι	Pride in my spouse/civil partner being	g in the Service		1	2	3	4	5	6		
m	Job security			1	2	3	4	5	6		
n	The stability of my family life			1	2	3	4	5	6		
0	The serving person's work-life balance	ce		1	2	3	4	5	6		
	C10. Which of the following best sums up your awareness of the Armed Forces Covenant? I've never heard of it 1 I've heard of it and know a little about it 3 I've heard of it but know nothing about it 2 I've heard of it and know a lot about it 4										
	For details of the Covenant go to: https://www.armedforcescovenant.gov.uk/ C11. How advantaged or disadvantaged do you feel when you compare yourself to the general public on these Covenant issues? Neither advantaged Don't										
		Very advantaged	Advantaged	nor disadvanta	aged Dis	sadvantaged	Very disadvant		Know/Not Applicable		
а	Housing	1	2	3	3	4		5	6		
b	Education	1	2	3	5	4		5	6		
С	Healthcare	1	2	3	1	4		5	6		
d	Family life	1	2	3	1	4		5	6		
е	Childcare	1	2	3	3	4		ō	6		
f	Access to commercial products & services (i.e. insurance, mobile, broadband, financial products and	1	2	3	3	4		5	6		

services)

C12. Are there any other areas in which you feel particularly *advantaged* when compared to the <u>general</u> <u>public</u>?

# C13. Are there any other areas in which you feel particularly *disadvantaged* when compared to the <u>general</u> <u>public</u>?

C14.	(a) Are you currently registered to vote?			
	Yes, and I registered without difficulty	<b></b> 1		
	Yes, but I had some difficulty registering	2		
	No, I chose not to register	3		
	No, I was not able to register	4		Please go to
	Don't know	5		SECTION D: YOUR
	Prefer not to say	6		WELL-BEING (Page 8).
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(b) If yes	s, which registration option did you use?			
	I'm registered as an ordinary/residential voter Registered for 1 year, via the annual update of voters (annual canvass)	1		
	I'm registered as a Service voter Registered for 5 years, via a Service declaration	2		
Registere	I'm registered as an overseas voter ed for 1 year, in the same way as non-Forces British citizens living overseas	3		
	Don't know	4		

### **SECTION D: YOUR WELL-BEING**

D1. As part of measuring national well-being we are interested to understand how satisfied you are with your life in general. The questions below are not linked particularly to the Service but to your <u>life in general</u>.

	-	Not at a	all								Com	pletely
а	Overall, how satisfied are you with life nowadays?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
b	Overall, how happy did you feel yesterday?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
C	Overall, how anxious did you feel yesterday?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
d	Overall, to what extent do you feel the things you do in your life are worthwhile?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

D2. How often do you feel lonely?         Often/Always       1         Some of the time       2         Occasionally       3         Hardly ever       4         Never       5	
SECTION E: WELFARE SUPPO	DRT
E1. Do you know where to go for support from the RAF should you Yes 1 No 2	need it?
E2. Which station/unit do you access welfare support from?	
E3. In the past year have you been able to access facilities on your No, I did not need to No, I have been unable to	□ 1 □ 2
Yes, but with some difficulty	3
Yes, easily	4
E4. Is your spouse/civil partner's parent unit your local base?	_
Yes	
No	2
Don't know	3
E5. If you were easily able to access your local base, would you use Yes No	the facilities?

E6. Below is a list of support services that are available to RAF personnel and their families. Please indicate:

- 1. Whether you have <u>heard</u> of them. (Tick all that apply)
- 2. Whether you have <u>used</u> them. (Tick all that apply)
- 3. How satisfied you were with them. (Only rate your satisfaction if you have actually used the service)

		Heard	المعط	lf yo	h it?						
		of this?	Used this?	Very		Neither satisfied nor		Very			
а	SSAFA		1	satisfied	Satisfied 2	dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	dissatisfied			
b	The RAF Families Federation	1	1		2	3	4	5			
С	RAF HIVE Information Service	1	1	1	2	3	4	5			
d	Joint Casualty and Compassionate Centre (JCCC)	1		1	2	3	4	5			
е	Airplay (RAF Benevolent Fund youth support and childcare service)	1	1	1	2	3	4	5			
f	RAF Community Support and Welfare Team	1	1	1	2	3	4	5			
g	Station Community Support Officer (SCSO)	1	1	1	2	3	4	5			
h	Joint Service Housing Advice Office (JSHAO)	1	1	1	2	3	4	5			
i	Community Development Officers	1	1	1	2	3	4	5			
j	Forces Families Jobs platform	1	1	1	2	3	4	5			
k	Well-being Support (RAF Benevolent Fund and RAFA)	1	1	1	2	3	4	5			
	SECTION F: ACCOMMODATION										
	F1. How far away do you live from	m your s	pouse/ci	ivil partner's	duty station	?					
	Less than 1 mile	1				20-50 miles	4				
	1-9 miles	2		More than 50 miles 5							
	10-19 miles	3									

F2. Do you own your own home?

Yes, I am living in it Yes, but not living in it

No

No, but I am currently saving to buy a house in the future

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If yes, please go to Question F4.

### F3. If you don't own your own home, which of the following statements apply to you? (Tick all that apply)

- a I/we don't want to own a home at this stage in my/our life/career(s)
- b Living in Service accommodation is better suited to my family's needs at present than home ownership
- c I/we want to be able to move with my spouse/civil partner when he/she is posted
- d I/we don't want to buy a home where we are currently located
- e I am expecting my spouse/civil partner to be posted overseas or to an area where I/we don't want to buy a home
- f I/we can't afford to buy a suitable home at the moment
- g I/we don't want to risk losing money
- h I/we wouldn't be able to live in the home
- i I/we had difficulties getting a mortgage
- j Other reason

### F4. What type of accommodation do you live in during the working week? (Tick one box only)

- Service Family Accommodation (SFA)
- Substitute Service Family Accommodation (SSFA)
  - Single Living Accommodation (SLA)
- Substitute Service Single Accommodation (SSSA) (formerly SSLA)
  - Property I/we own

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- Privately rented accommodation
  - Other accommodation

### F5. What type of accommodation would you prefer to live in during the working week? (Tick one box only)

- Service Family Accommodation (SFA)
- Substitute Service Single Accommodation (SSSA) (formerly SSLA)
  - Property I/we own
  - Privately rented accommodation
    - Other accommodation

### F6. If you live in SFA or SSFA, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with each of the following...?

		Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Don't know/Not Applicable
а	The overall standard	1	2	3	4	5	6
b	The value for money	1	2	3	4	5	6
С	The response to requests for maintenance/repair	1	2	3	4	5	6
d	The quality of maintenance/repair work	1	2	3	4	5	6
е	How fairly Service accommodation is allocated	1	2	3	4	5	6
f	The security of your SFA/SSFA	1	2	3	4	5	6
g	The cleanliness of your accommodation when moving in	1	2	3	4	5	6
h	The speed at which accommodation is allocated	1	2	3	4	5	6

### **SECTION G: EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING**

а	In full-time employment	1
b	In part-time employment	1
с	Self-employed	1
d	Homemaker/parent at home	1
е	Not employed – seeking employment	1
f	Not employed - not seeking employment	1
g	In full-time education/personal development	1
h	In part-time education	1
i	My immigration status means I am unable to work	1
j	Not applicable	1

### G1. What is your current employment status? (Tick all that apply)

### G2. If you have a job, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the following...?

		Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Don't know	Not applicable
а	Your job overall	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
b	That your qualifications match your job	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
с	That your job matches your skills and experiences	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

		e last 12 months, have yo ons?	ou had to leave a civ	/ilian job or lo	ng-term training pr	ogramme due to Service
		Yes	1			
		No	2			
		Not applicable	3			
G4. (	(a) H	lave you been looking for	a job in the last 12	months?		
		Yes	1			
		No	2	If no, please	go to <b>Question G5</b> .	
(b) lf	yes	s, did you have any difficu	Ilty finding suitable	employment?	,	
		Yes	1			
		No	2	lf no, please go	to Question G5.	
• •	-	u experienced difficulty finapply)	nding suitable empl	oyment, was i	t because of any o	f the following? (Tick all
	а	A lack of relevant qualification	ons		1	
	b	Your employment history (i.e	e. changing jobs freque	ntly)	1	
	С	Being overseas with your sp	ouse/civil partner		1	
	d	Having a spouse/civil partne	r who is often away		1	

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G5. In the last 12 months, have you or your family accompanied your spouse/civil partner on overseas assignments?

Having a spouse/civil partner in the Armed Forces

Partner unable to assist with care responsibilities

Extended family too far away to assist with childcare

Access to affordable and quality childcare

Other (please specify)

е

f

g

h

i

а

b

Yes	1				
No	2				
		lf no, j	please go to <b>Questi</b>	on G7.	
G6. If yes, were you able to…?					
		Yes, without difficulty	Yes, but with some difficulty	No, I was unable to	No, I did not need to
Obtain paid employment overseas		1	2	3	4
Access Service-provided information before	ore moving overseas	1	2	3	4

	G7. Have you had any difficulty c with a member of the RAF?	laiming Job Seeker	s' Allowand	e due to bein	g married	to/in a civil	partnership
	A lot of difficulty	<b>1</b>		No	difficulty	4	
	Some difficulty	2		Not a	pplicable	5	
	A little difficulty	3					
	G8. In the last 12 months have yo	Yes,	Y	íes,	No		No,
2	Access Further or Higher Education	without difficulty	but with se	ome difficulty	l was un		I did not need to
а ь	-		L T	2 		3	
b	Continue a course previously started	<b></b> 1	L	2		3	4
	G9. If the MOD offered courses to Yes No Not applicable	belp you find/char 1 2 3	lf no or r	ment would y not applicable, p I: ASSIGNMEN	lease go to	SECTION	
	G10. Which of the following would	d help you find/cha	nge employ	ment? (Tick a	all that ap	ply)	
а	CV writing course		I				
b	Interview skills course		2				
С	Access to jobs database		3				
d	Career consultancy service		ļ				
е	Self-employment/small business course		5				
f	Other	7	7				
g	Not applicable	٤ 🗖	3				
		SECTION H: A	SSIGNMEN	NTS			
	H1. How would you rate the leng	th of the most rece	nt assignme	ents the servi	ng persor	n has had?	Not
		Far too long	Foo long	_ ĭ	oo short	Far too short	Applicable
а	Accompanied assignments	1	2	3	4	5	6
b	Unaccompanied assignments	1	2	3	4	5	6
	H2. How satisfied were you with t assignment?	t <b>he amount of notic</b> Neither sa		ng person was	s given fo	r their currei	nt
	Very satisfied Satisfied	dissat		Dissatis	fied	Very diss	atisfied
		C	3	4	Ļ		5

### **SECTION I: OPERATIONAL TOURS**

# 11. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements relating to operational tours...?

		Strongly agree	Agree	agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not Applicable
а	The prospect of the serving person doing an operational tour is a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6
b	Coping when the serving person is on operational tour is a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6
с	My children's behaviour is negatively affected when the serving person is on an operational tour	1	2	3	4	5	6
d	The relationship between my children and the serving person is disrupted by operational tours	1	2	3	4	5	6

12. What is your view of the <u>frequency</u> of operational tours?

Too often	1
About right	2
Not often enough	3

### 13. What is your view of the length of operational tours?

Too long	1
About right	2
Too short	3

14. Do you know where to go for Service-provided welfare support and information while your spouse/civil partner is on an operational tour?

Yes	1
No	2
Not applicable	3

### 15. When was your spouse/civil partner's last operational tour?

Currently on operational tour	1	
In the last 12 months	2	
1 to 2 years ago	3_	
3 to 5 years ago		If your partner's last operational tour was more
More than 5 years ago		than 3 years ago, please go to SECTION J: CHILDCARE (Page 18).
Not applicable	<b>G</b>	

	I6. How long was the serving person's	most rece	nt operation	al tour, exclu	ding any pr	e-deployme	ent training?
	Up to 1 month				6-9 months	5	
	1-2 months			9	-12 months	6	
	2-4 months 3			More than	12 months	7	
	4-6 months 4				Don't know	8	
	I7. Thinking about your spouse/civil p	artner's mo	ost recent op	perational tou Neither	r, how satis	fied were y	ou with…?
		Very satisfied	Satisfied	satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Not
а	Separation from your spouse/civil partner during pre-deployment training						Applicable
b	Ability of your spouse/civil partner to spend time with you/your family during their post- operational deployment leave	1	2	3	4	5	6
	I8. How satisfied were you with the inf recent operational tour?			you received	prior to the	serving per	rson's most
	Very satisfied Satisfied		satisfied nor satisfied	Dissat	tisfied	Very dis	satisfied
			3		4	Ĺ	5
a	<ul> <li>I9. Considering your spouse/civil parts questions about information and su</li> <li>Did you receive a HIVE Deployment Support P</li> </ul>	upport rece	eived prior to	o their tour.		Ye	s No
b	Did your spouse/civil partner give you a Compa to ask for the return of the serving person from			,	ard detailing	how	1 2
C	Were you made aware of the RAF Community	website ( <u>ww</u>	w.raf.mod.uk/o	community)?			1 2
C	Before the serving person went away, were yo could contact during the operational tour?	u aware of th	e Point of Cor	ntact (POC) sch	eme and who	you	1 2
e	Were you able to access pre-deployment famil	y briefings, e	ither face to fa	ace or remotely?	2		1 2
	I10. What, if any, Service-provided welf last operational tour? (Please tick a			cess while yo	ur spouse/o	civil partner	was on their
а	RAF HIVE Information Service		1				
b	Padre		1				
C	Chain of command (Line manager of spouse/ci	vil partner)	1				
Ċ	Community Support Team		1				
e	Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen & Families Associatio	n (SSAFA)	1				
f	Community Development Officer		1				
ç	Other (please specify)		1				
							1

# I11. How satisfied were you with the following <u>BEFORE</u> your spouse/civil partner's most recent operational tour...?

		Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Did not use
а	Welfare support you used (e.g. information, Padre, support staff, welfare organisations, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5	6
b	Direct contact and support from your spouse/civil partner's chain of command/unit	1	2	3	4	5	6
С	Facilities and events to meet with other spouses and families	1	2	3	4	5	6

# 112. How satisfied were you with the following <u>DURING</u> your spouse/civil partner's most recent operational tour...?

		Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Did not use
а	Welfare support you used (e.g. information, Padre, support staff, welfare organisations, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5	6
b	Direct contact and support from your spouse/civil partner's chain of command/unit	1	2	3	4	5	6
С	Facilities and events to meet with other spouses and families	1	2	3	4	5	6
d	Lines of communication with your spouse/civil partner	1	2	3	4	5	6
е	The level of support offered by the Point Of Contact (POC) scheme in the event of a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6

# 113. How satisfied were you with the following <u>AFTER</u> your spouse/civil partner's most recent operational tour...?

		Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Did not use	
а	Welfare support you used (e.g. information, Padre, support staff, welfare organisations, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5	6	
b	Direct contact and support from your spouse/civil partner's chain of command/unit	1	2	3	4	5	6	
C	Facilities and events to meet with other spouses and families	1	2	3	4	5	6	

# 114. (a) Do you feel that your spouse/civil partner's behaviour changed as a result of their experiences on an operational tour?



(b) If yes, do you feel your spouse/civil partner's behaviour change had a negative impact on you or your

family?	-	
Yes	1	
No		If no or not applicable, please go to
Not applicable		SECTION J: CHILDCARE (Page 18).
(c) If yes, approximately how long returned home?	g did the change	in your spouse/civil partner's behaviour last once they had
A few weeks	1	More than a few months 🛛 🛛 🕄
A few months	2	Not applicable 4
(d) If your spouse/civil partner's to professional help (e.g. GP, uni		e had a negative impact on you or your family, did you seel
Yes, I sought help	1	No 3
Yes, my partner sought help	2	Not applicable
	SECTION	J: CHILDCARE
J1. Do you have any children?		
Yes	1	If you do not have any children, please go to
No	2	SECTION L: HEALTHCARE (Page 22).
J2. If you have children, how ma	ny children do ye	ou have in the following age groups?

- b 5-11 years
- c 12-17 years
- d 18 years or older, in full-time education
- e 18 years or older, not in full-time education

don't have any children of that age please put '0'

### J3. (a) Have you needed early years (children between 0-4 years) childcare in the last 12 months?

Yes	1	If no, please go to Question J5
Na	2	
INO	2	

(b) If yes, have you be	een able to access early years Yes 1	s (0-4 years) childcare? If yes, please go to Question J4.
(c) If no, you could no	No <b>L</b> _₂ ot access early years (0-4 year	rs) childcare, what difficulties did you have?
(c) If no, you could no	ot access early years (0-4 year	rs) childcare, what difficulties did you have?

J4. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the following aspects of your local early years (0-4 years) childcare facilities?

		Very		satisfied nor		Very
		satisfied	Satisfied	dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	dissatisfied
а	Access (e.g. distance, transportation, waiting lists)	1	2	3	4	5
b	Quality	1	2	3	4	5
С	Cost	1	2	3	4	5
d	Opening hours	1	2	3	4	5

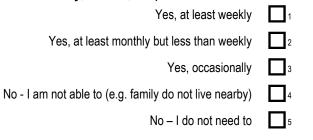
J5. Have you needed childcare for school age children in the last 12 months (e.g. breakfast clubs, after school clubs, child minder, pickups, school holiday clubs etc.)



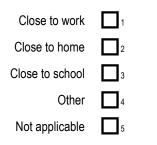
J6. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the following aspects of your local childcare for school age children...?

		Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
а	Availability					
b	Quality	1	2	3	4	5
С	Cost	1	2	3	4	5
d	Opening hours	1	2	3	4	5

J7. Do you currently access any forms of free informal childcare for any of your children? (e.g. grandparents, extended family, friends, etc.)?



J8. Where do you access the majority of your childcare (formal or informal)? (Please tick one box only)



J9. Do you currently take up the offer of any Government initiatives around childcare? (Please tick all that apply)

а	Salary Sacrifice Scheme							
b	Tax-Free Childcare Accounts	If a, b, c, or d, please go to SECTION K: CHILDREN'S EDUCATION (page						
С	Free Childcare hours	20)						
d	Other							
е	No, I do not currently use any Government initiatives around childcare	5						
	J10.If not, what is the main reason? (Please tick one box only)							
	I am not aware of these schemes	1						
	I do not think I am eligible for any of these schemes	2						
	I do not need any of these schemes	3						
	The schemes do not suit my personal circumstances	4						
	The process is too difficult/time consuming	5						
	Other 6							
	SECTION K: CHILDREN'S EDUCATION							



Yes 1 No 2 If you do not have children of school age, please go to **SECTION L: HEALTHCARE (page 22).** 

### K2. If you have children of school age, please tell us the number of children you have at each type of school.

a State school	If you do not have any children at that type of school
b MOD (Service) school	please put '0'
c Independent day school	
d Independent boarding school	
e Home Schooling (by choice, not due to COVID 19)	
f Other	

	K3. Do you receive Continu	<b>ity of</b> Yes No	Education Allor	wance (CE	A)?	,			
	K4. (a) Did you experience a	<b>any di</b> Yes No	fficulties with y	our childr	en's schooling in If no, please go				
	(b) If yes, did you experien	ce any	y of the followin	g difficult	ies? (Tick all that	apply)			
a b c d e f g h i j k I m n		f your o out sch al scho rd of yo ame so Educati beriod o ive cation y	nools in your area ol our local school chool together ional Needs (SEN did not coincide wi		n of assignment		Please use the the end of the to tell us of a difficultion of the	e survey iny other	
	K5. Did any of your children Yes, for Service rea Yes, for other rea	sons	nge school in th	ne last 12 n		please go to			
	K6. If any of your children of the normal point of entr Year 7 or Year 12 or equ	r <b>y to a</b> uivale Yes No	school (i.e. wit nt)?	hin the sc	hool's applicatior	n period for	the beginnir	ng of Rece	ption,
	K7. If any of your children c	Yes		= 1031 12 11			ave di a Sidi	5011001 (	

Yes	1	If no, please go to
No	2	SECTION L: HEALTHCARE (Page 22).

#### K8. Which of the following best describes your child's school allocation? (Please tick one box only)

My child was allocated a place at their 1st choice of school		1	
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My child was allocated a place at their 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> choice of school

My child was not allocated a place at one of their 3 preferred choices

Other 4

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Please use the box at the end of the survey to tell us more.

# K9. Which of the following best describes how you felt about your child's school allocation?

I was happy with their allocation	1
i was happy with their anoouteri	

I was not entirely happy with their allocation but chose not to appeal

I appealed against their allocation

### SECTION L: HEALTHCARE

In this section we wish to ask about the provision of healthcare services for Service families (excluding serving persons). If you and your spouse/civil partner are both currently serving in the Armed Forces and have no children, please go to SECTION M: COMMUNICATIONS (Page 23).

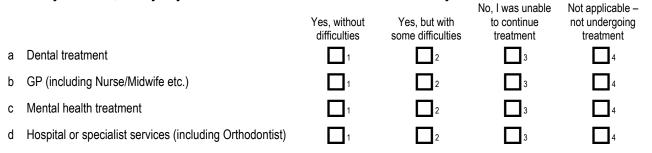
### L1. In the last 12 months have you/your children been able to access the following healthcare services?

		Yes, without difficulties	Yes, but with some difficulties	No, I was unable to	No, I did not need to
а	Dental treatment	1	2	3	4
b	GP (including Nurse/Midwife etc.)	1	2	3	4
с	Mental health treatment	1	2	3	4
d	Hospital or specialist services (including Orthodontist)	1	2	3	4

Please use the text box at the end of the survey to tell us about the difficulties you may have encountered.

Please only complete question L2 if you have moved within the last 12 months. If you have not moved, please go to SECTION M: COMMUNICATIONS (Page 23).

# L2. If you/your children were undergoing a course of treatment with any of the following services at the time of your move, were you/your children able to continue the treatment in your new location?



L3. (a) In the last 12 months, have you or any of your children been on a waiting list for an operation/consultant's appointment?

Yes	1	If no, please go to SECTION M:
No	2	COMMUNICATIONS (Page 23).

(b) If yes, was the waiting time increased as a result of moving?

Yes	1
No	<b></b> 2

Don't know	3
Not applicable	4

### **SECTION M: COMMUNICATIONS**

M1. How would you prefer the RAF to communicate with you? Please select one first choice and one second choice only.

		First choice	Second choice
а	By telephone/text	1	2
b	Post	1	2
С	By email	1	2
d	In person	1	2
е	Through your spouse/civil partner	1	2
f	Via Armed Forces websites (e.g. GOV.UK, RAF HIVE)	1	2
g	Via social media (e.g.RAF HIVE)	1	2
h	RAF Families Federation	1	2
i	RAF Community Support	1	2
j	Other	1	2
k	I do not wish to receive any communication	1	2

M2. This survey is:

l oo long	
About right	
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3 Too short

### M3. How long did it take you to complete the survey?

Less than 10 minutes	1
10-20 minutes	2
20-30 minutes	3
30-40 minutes	4
40-50 minutes	5
50-60 minutes	6
Over an hour	7

### **SECTION N: FURTHER COMMENTS**

N1. Please add any comments you wish to make about any other Service-related issues you have faced in the last 12 months.

Thank you very much for completing this survey.

Completed questionnaires should be returned using the free-post envelope provided. In the UK this does not need a stamp and can be posted in public mailboxes. All answers will be treated in the strictest confidence.