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What is **Life in the Royal Navy like for you?** Your views are important to us

You can complete this survey online - see inside for details















The Armed Forces Continuous Attitude Survey (AFCAS) is your opportunity to tell me what you think about life in the Royal Navy. The AFCAS results provide me and my team with the critical evidence required to argue your case at the very top of Defence and to drive forward change. I encourage you to take the opportunity to share your views; the more of you who complete the AFCAS, the more information it provides me to keep people at the highest levels of Defence informed of your opinions and desires. I assure you, your views do count and do make a difference. Please take the time to complete the AFCAS to enable me to represent you as you would wish.

Vice Admiral Martin Connell Second Sea Lord and Deputy Chief of Naval Staff



PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

Armed Forces Continuous Attitude Survey (AFCAS): Royal Navy

This survey is available for you to complete online. The **Token** you are asked to enter is your Service Number (this is case sensitive e.g. AB01234C).

If you are accessing the survey via a **MOD computer** e.g. a MODNET or DII computer, please visit the following internal webpage:

http://bravo.dasa.r.mil.uk/limesurvey/index.php/563275

Alternatively, if you are accessing the survey using a **non-MOD computer** e.g. personal computer, tablet or mobile phone, please visit the following external webpage:

https://surveys.mod.uk/index.php/563275

Completing the survey electronically is the quickest and cheapest way for you to send us your views. You may find the first, internal link is quicker to load the survey than the second, external link.

Please only complete one version of the survey.

This survey asks about your views of Royal Navy life, including working and living conditions, and other key aspects of day-to-day life, which should take about 30 minutes to complete. There is space at the end of the survey for any comments you wish to make.

Before you decide whether to participate, it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and feel free to ask us if you would like more information or if there is anything that you do not understand. The number of participants invited and ranks chosen to take part in the survey have been picked to give a fair set of views of Royal Navy Personnel – so your input is valuable.

The survey is run by Defence Statistics (Surveys) in the Analysis Directorate, and Civilians outside your Chain of Command. This research is approved by the MoD Research Ethics Committee (MoDREC). If you would like further details, contact the researcher listed at the end of this sheet.

Your replies will be treated in the strictest confidence and no one from your Chain of Command will see your completed survey. To make sure your views remain confidential, only grouped answers will be reported. Completed paper surveys are stored securely and destroyed after three months; electronic responses will be kept indefinitely. You can read the reports too¹.

The researchers will link your responses to JPA to provide some information, such as your Branch or Trade, gender, age, national identity, rank, enlistment date, contract type, and voluntary outflow status, so that we don't have to ask you these questions in the survey. If you are not happy for your JPA data to be used in this way, please contact the researcher whose details are below. Please note that if you deny permission for both the JPA information and your rank and Service information to be linked to your survey responses, your responses cannot be used for analysis, and you are advised not to complete the survey.

The data controller for this project will be Defence Statistics. The Data Protection Officer oversees the processing of personal data, and can be contacted at: Andy.Dorman415@mod.gov.uk.

UK data protection law is regulated by the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). If you are concerned about how your personal data is being processed you may wish to submit a complaint to them. Contact details, and details of data subject rights are available on the ICO website at: https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/data-protection-reform/overview-of-the-gdpr/individuals-rights/

¹ Armed Forces Continuous Attitude Survey reports are publicly available via: https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/armed-forcescontinuous-attitude-survey-index. The report of the findings of the 2024 AFCAS survey is provisionally due to be released in May 2024.

You do not have to take part in this survey and choosing not to take part will not disadvantage you in any way. By completing and returning the survey you are agreeing to take part in the research.

Please do not remove or destroy the barcode printed on the back of the survey. Your response cannot be used without it.

Please complete the survey as soon as you can and return it in the envelope provided. **Responses must** reach us by 5th February 2024 in order to be included. Please allow sufficient time for postage.

Frequently asked questions:

Q. What is the purpose of the survey?

A. "The annual Armed Forces Continuous Attitude Survey (AFCAS) is one of the main ways the Department gathers information on the views and experiences of Armed Forces personnel. It is used to inform important work on pay and policy - such as engagement with the Armed Forces Pay Review Body (AFPRB) and to prioritise delivery of changes to personnel policy such as those recommended in the Haythornthwaite Review. Whilst I know that change often feels too slow and that there are many aspects of your Service that you might find frustrating, please be reassured that this survey provides you the opportunity to directly influence the decisions made by our policy makers on areas that impact your lives. By spending time completing this survey, you will help shape a modern Defence which better meets the needs of our people." – VAdm Phil Hally CB MBE (CDP)

Q. How is the information used?

A. The results are used to help make decisions on leave, pay, housing, career, recruiting methods, health and well-being, and other issues. Information is, for instance, given to the Armed Forces Pay Review Body, who report on Armed Forces pay, allowances and entitlements.

Q. Why have I been invited to complete this survey?

A. We have randomly selected a representative sample of Service personnel. Please do not send this survey on to people who have not been invited to take part.

Q. Do I have to complete the survey?

A. No, you can choose not to, the survey is entirely voluntary.

Q. What will I be asked to do?

A. You will be asked to answer several questions which you can choose to complete online or on paper. <u>Please only complete one version of the survey</u>. Completing the survey takes approximately 30 minutes. A link to complete the survey online has already been sent to you via your '@mod.gov.uk' email address.

Q. Will taking part or not taking part affect my Service career?

A. No. No one within your Chain of Command will see your responses or data.

Q. Will my records be kept confidential?

A. Your replies will be treated in the strictest confidence and no one from your Chain of Command will see your completed survey. To make sure your views remain confidential, only grouped answers will be reported. Completed paper surveys are stored securely and destroyed after three months; electronic responses will be kept indefinitely.

Q. What are the possible disadvantages and risks of taking part?

A. There are no known disadvantages or risks. However, if taking part in this survey upsets you, or you wish to talk about any personal issues further, please speak to your Unit Welfare Officer, Chaplain or seek guidance from the SSAFA helpline: 0800 260 6767.

Q. I have already completed the survey online, do I need to complete the paper version?

A. Thank you! Ignore this document as you have chosen the most effective way in which to register your views.

Q. What if I want to make a complaint?

A. Complaints about the survey should be addressed to Alexander Zammit, <u>Alexander.Zammit100@mod.gov.uk</u>, 07971 770576.

For further information: Contact Civil Service researcher: Philip Smith at Navy Command HQ, <u>NAVYNPS-RSCHMAILBOX@mod.gov.uk</u>, 0300 1668740.

This study complies, and at all times will comply, with the Declaration of Helsinki² as adopted at the 64th WMA General Assembly at Fortaleza, Brazil in October 2013.

Please turn the page for the 2024 Armed Forces Continuous Attitude Survey (AFCAS): Royal Navy.

² World Medical Association Declaration of Helsinki [revised October 2013]. Recommendations Guiding Medical Doctors in Biomedical Research Involving Human Subjects. 64th WMA General Assembly, Fortaleza (Brazil).

Armed Forces Continuous Attitude Survey 2024 Royal Navy

You may have recently received an AFCAS email inviting you to complete the online version of this survey. If you have already completed the online version of this 2024 AFCAS survey then please ignore this paper copy.

Please fill in this survey as **fully** and **honestly** as you can.

Please **read all instructions** carefully before answering a question and follow any **routing instruction** after answering a question. A few questions will require a written answer - please write clearly in **BLOCK CAPITALS**.

> Once completed please return the survey to: Civica Engagement Solutions, 33 Clarendon Road, London, N8 0NW using the prepaid envelope provided.

Responses must reach us by 5th February 2024 in order to be included in the survey.

If you wish to complete AFCAS online instead, please see details at the top of the Participant Information Sheet at the front of the booklet. Please only complete one version of the survey.

Your Pay

To compensate for differences in lifestyle, working conditions and expectations between Service personnel and their civilian equivalents, Service salaries are increased by 14.5% (for the majority of personnel). We call this the 'X-Factor'.

Q1 How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following?

a. The X-Factor in my salary is enough compensation for Service lifestyle, working conditions and expectations.	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree 3	Disagree	Strongly disagree
b. The pay and benefits I receive are fair for the work I do.	1	2	3	4	5

P001 Q2 How satisfied are you with the following? Neither Very satisfied nor Very satisfied Satisfied dissatisfied Dissatisfied dissatisfied 2 3 5 a. My rate of basic pay (basic pay includes X-Factor, but excludes Recruitment and Retention Payment (RRP) and any allowances). b. My pension benefits. c. Information about pay and allowances (e.g. from the intranet, DINs and Directed Letters). d. My ability to access JPA. N/A 6 e. My allowances (e.g. Longer Separation Allowance (LSA), Get You Home (GYH), Continuity of Education Allowance (CEA), Local Overseas Allowance (LOA), and Food and Incidentals Allowance (FIA)). Q3 In the last 12 months, have you been in receipt of a Recruitment and Retention Payment (RRP)? Yes - Please go to Q4 No - Please go to Q5 2 Q4 How satisfied are you with the following? Neither Very satisfied nor Very Satisfied Dissatisfied dissatisfied satisfied dissatisfied My Recruitment and Retention Payment (RRP). **Your Work** Q5 How satisfied are you with RN life in general? Neither Very satisfied nor Very satisfied Satisfied Dissatisfied dissatisfied dissatisfied 2 Q6 How would you rate the level of morale of... Very Neither Very high High high nor low Low Low 2 3 5 a. Myself. 2 1 3 4 5 b. My Unit. 2 3 5 1 4 c. The RN as a whole. Q7 How satisfied are you with the following aspects of your current job? Neither Very Verv satisfied nor satisfied Satisfied dissatisfied Dissatisfied dissatisfied 2 3 5 a. My job in general. 2 3 b. The sense of achievement I get from my work. 5 2 3 5 c. The challenge in my job. 2 5 3 d. The amount of variety in my work. 5 2 e. My current work location.

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following?

Q8

		Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	N/A
	 a. My superiors do not interfere excessively in my worl activities. 	k 1	2	3	4	5	6
	b. I am given sufficient authority to make decisions.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	c. If I make a genuine mistake at work, I do not feel that it will be held against me.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	d. Where I work people do not automatically look for someone to blame when things go wrong.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	 e. I am encouraged to find better ways of doing things at work. 		2	3	4	5	6
	f. When I am set a task at work, I understand clearly what output is required.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	g. I have a choice in deciding how I do my work.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	h. I know that if I do my job well I will be praised or recognised.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Resources a	nd Wor	rkload				
Q9	How satisfied are you with the following?			Neither			
		Very satisfied	Satisfied	satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfie	d
	a. The standard of personal equipment/kit I have to do my job (e.g. clothes, boots, personal weapon).	1	2	3	4	5	
	b. The availability of personal equipment/kit I have to do my job.	1	2	3	4	5	
	c. The standard of major equipment (e.g. vehicles and systems) I have to do my job.	1	2	3	4	5	
	d. The availability of major equipment I have to do my job.	1	2	3	4	5	
Q10	How would you rate your workload over the la	ast 12 mon	ths?				
		Much too high	Too high	About right	Too low	Much too low	
		1	2	3	4	5	
Q11	How satisfied are you with the following?						
		Very	Octoficat	Neither satisfied nor		Very	-1
	a. The training facilities/training estate I have used in the last year.	satisfied	Satisfied	dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	dissatisfied	a
	b. The facilities on my base.	1	2	3	4	5	
	Your C	areer					
Q12	Overall how satisfied are you with the way yo	ur career i	s being m	nanaged?			
	- ••	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfie	d

Career Management is defined as 'The assignment of individuals in accordance with endorsed current and future Service requirements, exploiting skills, career development needs and, whenever possible, personal preferences, whilst providing advice on future career paths'.

Q13	Overall how satisfied are you with the career and Branch Advisers?	managem	nent servic	e provided	by the Car	eer Managers
				Neither		
		Very satisfied	Satisfied	satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied N/A
		1	2	3	4	5 6
Q14	Who do you think is responsible for managing	g your ca	reer? (Tick	all that ap	ply)	
	a. You.	1				
	b. Immediate superior (line manager).					
	c. Career Manager.	1				
Q15	In terms of your current assignment, how stro	ongly do y	you agree	-	with the fo	ollowing?
		Strongly		Neither agree nor		Strongly
		agree	Agree	disagree	Disagree	disagree
	a. I have the knowledge, skills and experience to do my job.		2	3	4	5
	b. My knowledge, skills and experience are being used.		2	3	4	5
	c. The assignment provides development opportunities that will enhance my promotion prospects.	3 ¹	2	3	4	5
	d. My personal preferences were taken into account.	1	2	3	4	5
Q16	How satisfied are you with the following?					
		Very		Neither satisfied nor		Very
		satisfied	Satisfied	dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	dissatisfied
	a. The notice I received for my current/last assignment.		2	3	4	5
	b. Involvement in decisions that affect my career.	1	2	3	4	5
	c. The fairness of the appraisal system.	1	2	3	4	5
	d. The fairness of the promotion system.		2	3	4	5
	e. My opportunities for promotion.		2	3	4	5
	f. My opportunities for further service.		\square^2	3	4	5
Q17	How important is promotion to your satisfacti	on with y	our Servic	e career at	the presen	it time?
	Very important	1				
	Fairly important	2				
	Neither important nor unimportant	3				
	Fairly unimportant	4				
	Very unimportant	5				
	Your Line M	anage	ement			
Q18	How strongly do you agree or disagree with the (Service or Civilian)?			ents about	your imme	diate superior
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		Strongly agree	Agree	agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly Don't disagree know
	a. Understands and represents my interests.					

- b. Supports me in my job.
- c. Sets a positive example.
- d. Encourages me to develop my skills.
- e. Is supportive over work/life balance issues.
- f. Provides regular feedback on my performance.
- g. Tells me what's going on at work.



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		Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
	h. Is someone I trust.	1	2	3	4	5	E C
	i. Helps me to understand how I contribute to RN objectives.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	j. Helps me to understand how major change decisions will affect me.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	k. Works well with personnel from different backgrounds.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	 I am satisfied with the leadership provided by my immediate supervisor. 	1	2	3	4	5	6
Q19	How strongly do you agree or disagree with t	he followi	ing statem				
		Strongly		Neither agree nor		Strongly	Don't
	My Divisional Officer supports me	agree		disagree	Disagree	disagree	Know
	My Divisional Officer supports me.						
	Senior Le	aders	hip				
Q20	How strongly do you agree or disagree with the Royal Navy (i.e. Commodore and above)?	he followi	ing statem	ents about	the senior	leaders of	f the
		Strongly		Neither agree nor		Strongly	Don't
		agree	Agree	disagree	Disagree	disagree	know
	a. They understand and represent my interests.		2	3		5	e
	b. They are keen to listen to Service people's feedback.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	c. They champion the RN's interests in Tri-Service issues.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	d. They communicate decisions to personnel.	1	2	3	4	5	E C C
	e. They understand the impact of change on personnel.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	f. I have confidence in the leadership of the RN.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Comm	itment	t				
Q21	How strongly do you agree or disagree with t	he followi	ing?				
		Strongly		Neither agree nor		Strongly	
		agree		disagree	Disagree	disagree	
	 a. In the last 12 months, I have fulfilled my commitments/promises to the RN. 						
	b. In the last 12 months, the RN has fulfilled its commitments/promises to me.	1	2	3	4	5	
	c. I am proud to be in the RN.	1	2	3	4	5	
	d. I am valued by the RN.		2	3	4	5	
	e. I would recommend joining the RN to others.		2	3	4		
	f. I feel a strong personal attachment to the RN.		2	3	4	5	
	g. I feel a strong personal attachment to my Unit.		2	3	4	5	
	h. The RN inspires me to do the best in my job.		□ ²	3			
	i. The RN motivates me to help it achieve its objectives.		2	3	4	5	N/A
	j. My family is proud of me serving in the Armed Forces.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	k. My family benefits from being a Service family.	1	2	3	4	5	
	I. My family supports my career in the RN.		\square^2	3			

Ethos is the enduring spirit from our people's loyalty to their ship, Unit or team sustained by high professional standards and strong leadership, which gives us courage in adversity and the determination to fight and win.

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following? Q22

a. The ethos of the RN is an important part of life in the RN.	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree ³	Disagree	Strongly disagree	
b. The ethos of my branch is important to me.	1	2	3	4	5	

Working with Others

Q23 In considering your immediate working team, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. My team know exactly what their responsibilities are		2	3	4	5
b. The people in my team can be relied upon to help when things get difficult in my job.	1	2	3	4	5
c. We have confidence in ourselves as a team.	1	2	3	4	5
d. The people in my team work together to find ways to improve the service we provide.		2	3	4	5
e. Team members work well with personnel from different backgrounds.	1	2	3	4	5

Have you had working contact with any of the following in the last two years? (Tick all that apply) Q24 IF NONE APPLY PLEASE GO TO Q27

a. Armed Forces Reserves.	1
b. MOD Civil Servants.	1
c. MOD contractors.	1

Q26

Q25 In your experience, how would you rate the contribution to the RN of...

	Very valuable	Valuable	Not very valuable	Not at all valuable	Don't know/ N/A
a. Armed Forces Reserves.	1	2	3	4	5
b. MOD Civil Servants.	1	2	3	4	5
c. MOD contractors.	1	2	3	4	5
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In your experience, how well integrated in	to the RN are				
In your experience, now well integrated in	to the RN are Very well	Well	Not very well	Not at all well	Don't know/ N/A
a. Armed Forces Reserves.	Very				
	Very	Well	well	well	N/A

Change

Q27	How strongly do you agree or disagree with t	he followi	ng?				
	a. Change is managed well in my immediate working team.	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree 3	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
	b. Change is managed well in my Unit/Establishment.	1	2	3	4	5	
	c. Change is managed well in the RN.	1	2	3	4	5	

Your Deployments

lf you have	NOT been on an operational deployment since	e 1 Jan 20	21, please	go to Q32			
Q28	With regards to your current/last sea-going/or or as part of a Unit?				ou deploye	d individu	ally
	Individually	As part of	f a Unit	2			
Q29	With regards to your current/last sea-going/op following?	perational	deployme	ent, how sa	tisfied are y	you with t	he
		Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	N/A
	a. Non-operational allowances (e.g. LSA, GYH(T), residual unaccompanied rate of LOA).	1	2	3	4	5	6
	b. Operational allowances (e.g. Overseas Assistance, Concessionary travel for immediate families, Unpleasant work allowance, Unpleasant living allowance etc.).	1	2	3	4	5	6
	c. The deployment notice.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	d. The pre-operational/sea training.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	e. The welfare support I received from Royal Navy Royal Marines Welfare (RNRMW) when I returned from sea-going/operational deployment.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	f. The welfare support that my family, partner and/or parents received from the RNRMW when I returned from sea-going/operational deployment.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	g. The decompression and post sea-going/ operational tour support I received when I returned from sea-going/operational deployment.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	h. The Post Operational Stress Management that I received when I returned from sea-going/ operational deployment.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	i. The sea-going/operational role I was assigned to.	1	2	3	4	5	6
Q30	What is your view of the following regarding y				perational	deployme	ents?
		Too often	About right	Not often enough			
	a. The frequency of my sea-going/operational deployments.	1	2	3			
		Too long	About right	Too short			
	b. The length of my sea-going/operational deployments.						
Q31	How strongly do you agree or disagree with the	ne followii	ng?				
	Rest and recuperation (R&R) provides me with sufficient time to rest to sustain operational	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree ³	Disagree	Strongly disagree	N/A
	effectiveness.						

Training and Development

Q32	How satisfied are you with the following?					
		Very		Neither satisfied nor		Very
		•	Satisfied	dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	dissatisfied
	a. My opportunities for professional development.	1	2	3	4	5
	b. My opportunities for personal development.	1	2	3	4	5
	c. The timing of the training I have received in order to carry out my current job roles.	1	2	3	4	5
	d. The extent to which I am doing the job for which I was trained.	1	2	3	4	5
	e. My opportunities to gain civilian accreditation for Service training (e.g. NVQs, apprenticeships).	1	2	3	4	5
Q33	How much importance do you place on profe	essional/civi Very little	lian accr	editation?		
	Some 2	None at all]] 4		
		None at an]		
	Your Fut	ure Plan	າຣ			
Q34	What are your plans for the future? (Tick one To stay serving as long as I can	e box only).	Г	1		
	To stay serving to the end of my current engagement	commission	L	2		
	To leave the RN before the end of my current engage		sion [
	To leave the RN as soon as I can		ген [4		
	I have put in my notice to leave			5		
	N/A / Don't know		L	6		
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Q35	How actively have you searched for a job ou			st 12 mont	hs?	
	Very actively 1^2	Not very ac	ctively			
	Quite actively	Not at all		4		
Q36	When you leave the RN, would you consider Reserves, Army: Army Reserves, RAF: RAF				orces (RN/	RM: Maritime
	a. Full-time.		No 2	Don't know		
	b. Part-time.			3		
	b. Furturio.					
Q37	What would make you join the Volunteer Res	serve Forces	? (Pleas	e write in th	ne text box	below)

How do the following factors impact on your intention to stay or leave the RN?

	Strongly increases my intention	Increases my intention	Has no effect on my intention to	Increases my intention	Strongly increases my intention
	to stay	to stay	stay or leave	to leave	to leave
a. Impact of RN life on family and personal life.					
b. Opportunities outside the RN.		2	3	4	5
c. Current job satisfaction.	1	2	3	4	5
d. Job security.	1	2	3	4	5
e. My morale.	1	2	3	4	5
f. Service morale.	1	2	3	4	5
g. Amount of pay.	1	2	3	4	5
h. Amount of allowances.	1	2	3	4	5
i. Opportunities for career development.	1	2	3	4	5
j. Opportunities for personal development.	1	2	3	4	5
k. Opportunities for sport.	1	2	3	4	5
I. Opportunities for Adventurous Training.		2	3	4	5
m. Promotion prospects.	1	2	3	4	5
n. Healthcare provision.	\prod^{1}	2	3	4	5
o. Dental provision.	\prod^{1}	2	3	4	5
p. Mental health provision.	\prod^{1}	2	3	4	5
q. Pension.	\prod^{1}	2	3	4	5
r. Opportunities for flexible working conditions.	\prod^{1}	2	3	4	5
s. Excitement of the job.	\prod^{1}	2	3	4	5
t. Opportunities for operational deployment	1	2	3	4	5
u. Financial Incentives to remain in the RN (in addition to pay and allowances).	1	2	3	4	5
v. Spouse/partner's career.	1	2	3	4	5
w. Childcare.	1	2	3	4	5
x. Work/life balance whilst in a seagoing role.	1	2	3	4	5
y. Work/life balance while ashore.	1	2	3	4	5
z. Management in my current Unit.		2	3	4	5
aa. Accommodation provision.	1	²	3	4	5
ab. Armed Forces House Purchase Incentive Scheme (i.e. Forces Help to Buy Scheme)	1	2	3	4	5
ac. Other (if applicable, please specify in the text box	below):				

Q39

Q38

What single factor could be changed to positively affect your decision to remain in the RN? (Please specify in the text box below):

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Q40	If you have put in your notice to leave, ple most influenced your decision to leave the the boxes provided.)					
		l most important for leaving	2		most import on for leaving	
Q41	How would having the following options ir	npact on your	intention	to stay or	leave the F	RN?
		Strongly increases my intention m to stay	Increases ny intention to stay	Has no effect on my intention to stay or leave	Increases my intention to leave	Strongly increases my intention to leave
	a. Opportunities to work part-time.		2	3	4	5
	 b. Opportunities for reduced separated Service (including sea-going/operational deployment). 	1	2	3	4	5
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	Fairnes	ss at Wor	ĸ			
	aims to achieve an environment free from hara all have equal opportunity and encourageme				d unlawful	discrimination,
Q42	How strongly do you agree or disagree with in the RN?	th the following	g stateme	ent regardi	ng fairness	and equality
		Strongly		Neither agree nor		Strongly
		agree	Agree	disagree	Disagree	disagree
	I am treated fairly at work.		2	3	4	5
Q43	Do you feel that the RN discipline system	is?				
	Very fair	Unfair	4			
	Fair 2	Very unfair	5			
	Neither fair nor unfair					
	may be characterised as offensive, intimidation of power through means intended to undermir			-	•	
Discrimi	nation can occur when a person is treated les	s favourably b	ecause o	f race. relic	aion or beli	ef. sex.

<u>Discrimination</u> can occur when a person is treated less favourably because of race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, pregnancy or maternity, marriage or civil partnership, gender reassignment, age or disability. Discrimination can also occur where a policy or practice which applies to everyone unreasonably disadvantages a person on the basis of the characteristics mentioned above.

<u>Harassment</u> includes unwanted conduct which is related to the characteristics mentioned above and is intended to or has the effect of violating another's dignity or creating a hostile, degrading, humiliating or offensive environment.

Please note that the data gathered is strictly for research purposes only. You are advised not to name any individuals in your response. No action will be taken on this, and you are instead advised to seek guidance from the Defence Bullying, Harassment and Discrimination helpline on 0800 014 2381. Alternatively, please contact the SSAFA Confidential Helpline: 0800 260 6767 (freephone) or +44 (0)207 463 9292 (overseas) (website also at: https://www.ssafa.org.uk/help-you/forcesline).

Q44	Do you believe you have been subje 12 months? (Tick all that apply).	ct to any of the following in a Service environment in the last
	a. Bullving	

a. Dailying		
b. Discrimination		
c. Harassment	1	
d. None of the above	1	Please go to Q47

Q45

If you believe you have been subject to <u>bullying</u> in a Service environment in the last 12 months, please specify on what grounds in the text box below:

Q46

If you believe that you have been subject to <u>discrimination or harassment</u> in a Service environment in the last 12 months, please specify on what grounds:

	Discrimination	Harassment
a. Gender.	1	2
b. Gender reassignment.	1	2
c. Race, colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin.	1	2
d. Marriage/civil partnership.	1	2
e. Religion or beliefs.	1	2
f. Sexual orientation.	1	2
g. Age.	1	2
h. Disability.	1	2
. Pregnancy or maternity.	1	2

<u>Sexual harassment</u> is defined as verbal, non-verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature that is unwanted, degrading, offensive or humiliating for the recipient. Such conduct includes, but is not limited to: unwelcome sexual advances, unwanted sexual attention, requests for sexual favours, or verbal, online or physical acts or gestures of a sexual nature. It can be experienced by anyone regardless of age or gender.

Q47	Do you believe you have been subject to sex 12 months?	ual haras	sment in a	Service en	vironment i	n the last	
	Yes ¹	No	2				
Q48	Did you make a formal written complaint wit harassment and/or bullying?	hin the las	t 12 month	is about thi	s discrimin	ation,	
	Yes		Please go	to Q49			
	No	2	Please go	to Q50			
	N/A	3	Please go	to Q51			
Q49	If you DID make a formal written complaint, I your complaint?	now satisfi	ied were/a	re you with	the followi	ng aspects	s of
		Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	N/A
	a. The objectivity and fairness with which my complaint was handled/is being handled.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	b. The amount of time taken/it is taking to resolve my complaint.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	c. How well I was/am being kept informed about the progress of my complaint.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	d. The support provided by my Assisting Officer.		2	3	4	5	6
	e. The outcome of my complaint.	1	2	3	4	5	6
Q50	If you did NOT make a formal written compla	int, why w	vas this? (1	Fick all that	apply)		
	a. I was not aware of the Service Complaints process	S.			1		
	b. I considered the incident(s) to be too minor to repo	ort.			1		
	c. The incident(s) was/were resolved informally.				1		

f. I did not want to go through the complaints procedure.	
d I believed it might adverselv affect my career	
g. I believed it might adversely affect my career.h. I believed it might adversely affect another work colleague or the working environment.	
i. I was worried that there would be recriminations from the perpetrators.	
j. I was discouraged from doing so.	1
k. Other reason(s) - (please specify in the text box below):	1

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Q51 Which of these best sums up your awareness of the Service Complaints <u>Process</u>?

l've never heard of it	1
I've heard of it but know nothing about it	2
I've heard of it and know a little about it	3
I've heard of it and know a lot about it	4

Q52 Which of these best sums up your awareness of the Service Complaints <u>Ombudsman</u>?

I've never heard of it	1
I've heard of it but know nothing about it	2
I've heard of it and know a little about it	3
I've heard of it and know a lot about it	4

Information about the Service Complaints Process can be found on the following link: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/jsp-831-redress-of-individual-grievances-service-complaints

Information about the Service Complaints Ombudsman can be found on the following link: https://www.scoaf.org.uk/

	Your Work-	Life Ba	lance				
Q53	In the past 12 months approximately how m spouse/partner or children) for Service reas		ave you sp	pent away f	rom your fa	amily (e.g.	
	Not been away	Between 7-9	months (27-3	39 weeks)	5		
	Up to 1 month (4 weeks)	Between 10-	12 months (4	0-52 weeks)	6		
	Between 1-3 months (5-13 weeks)	N/A			7		
	Between 4-6 months (14-26 weeks)						
Q54	In the past 12 months, how satisfied were ye	ou with the	following	?			
		Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	
	a. The ability to plan my own life - short term (e.g. work/weekend leave).	1	2	3	4	5	
	b. The ability to plan my own life - long term (e.g. holidays/career training).	1	2	3	4	5	
	c. The opportunity for me to work flexibly (e.g. variable start/finish times, Compressed Hours, Working from home).	1	2	3	4	5 N	I/A
	d. The amount of time away from my usual place of duty.	1	2	3	4	5	

	e. The amount of time away from my family and	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	<i>N/A</i>
	friends.						
	f. The effect of Service life on my children's education.		2	3	4	5	6
	g. The effect of Service life on my spouse/partner's career.		2	3	4	5	6
Q55	How strongly do you agree or disagree with the	ne followii	ng?				
	I am able to maintain a balance between my	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree ³	Disagree	Strongly disagree	
	personal and working life.						
Q56	Do you think you are able to deliver your outp and remote working)?	outs throug	gh hybrid	working (a	blend of lo	cation-bas	sed
	Yes, completely						
	Yes, to some extent						
	No	3					
	Your L	eave					
Q57	How satisfied are you with the following?						
		Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	
	a. My overall leave allowance i.e. annual leave, post operational leave (POL), Sea-Goers Leave (SGL), leave carried over from previous years.		Satisfied	satisfied nor	Dissatisfied		
	post operational leave (POL), Sea-Goers Leave			satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	dissatisfied	
	post operational leave (POL), Sea-Goers Leave (SGL), leave carried over from previous years.		2	satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	dissatisfied	
Q58	 post operational leave (POL), Sea-Goers Leave (SGL), leave carried over from previous years. b. The opportunity to take leave when I want to. c. The amount of leave I was able to take in the last 12 months. If you did not take all of your annual leave allow reason for this? (Tick all that apply) 	satisfied	2^{2}	satisfied nor dissatisfied		dissatisfied	
Q58	 post operational leave (POL), Sea-Goers Leave (SGL), leave carried over from previous years. b. The opportunity to take leave when I want to. c. The amount of leave I was able to take in the last 12 months. If you did not take all of your annual leave allows and the second se	satisfied	2^{2}	satisfied nor dissatisfied		dissatisfied	
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Your Health and Well-being

Q59

If you have received Service-provided <u>medical</u> treatment (including mental healthcare) in the last 2 years, how satisfied were you with:
Neither

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	N/A
a. Being able to access the medical care when I needed it.	1	2	3	4	5	6
b. The medical treatment.	1	2	3	4	5	6

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Q60	If you have received Service-provide	d dental treatment in the last 2 yea	rs, how satisfied were you with:
		α acritar dicatificiti in the last $\mathbf{\Sigma}$ yea	13, HOW Satisfied were you with

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	N/A
a. Being able to access the dental care when I needed it.	1	2	3	4	5	6
b. The dental treatment.	1	2	3	4	5	6

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

Q61	Overall, how satisfied are you with your life no	owadays?	-		Compl	etelv	
	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	6	7	8	9	10	
Q62	Overall, how happy did you feel yesterday?				0		
	Not at all 0 1 2 3 4 5 Image: Image of the state of	6	7	8	Compl 9	10	
Q63	Overall, how anxious did you feel yesterday?				0	- 4 - 4 -	
	Not at all 0 1 2 3 4 5 Image: Image of the state of	6	7	8	Compl 9	10	
Q64	Overall, to what extent do you feel the things	you do in y	/our life a	re worthwh			
	Not at all 0 1 2 3 4 5 	6	7	8	Compl 9	letely 10	
	Fitness, Sport and Ad	dventu	rous 7	Fraining	g		
Q65	How satisfied are you with the following?						
		Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	
	a. RN sport, exercise and fitness facilities in general.	1	2	3	4	5	
	 b. My opportunities to undertake fitness activities (e.g. to meet fitness standards). 	1	2	3	4	5	
	c. My opportunities to take part in sport.	1	2	3	4	5	
	d. My opportunities to take part in Adventurous Training.	1	2	3	4	5	
	e. My opportunities to take part in Force Development Activities.	1	2	3	4	5	
	Welf	are					
Q66	How satisfied are you with the following?						
		Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	N/A
	a. The welfare support provided by the RNRMW for me.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	b. The welfare support provided by the RNRMW for my family.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	c. The support my spouse/partner gets from the RNRMW when I am absent.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	d. The Operational/Deployment Welfare Package.		2	3	4	5	6

Q67 How satisfied are you with the following?

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Not used	Not heard of
a. My Divisional Officer.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
b. The chaplaincy support provided by the Royal Navy.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
c. The RNRMW, Specialist Welfare Support (e.g. the Portal and casework).	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
d. The RNRMW, Community Support.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
e. The RNRMW Information Services.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
f. The Naval Families Federation.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
g. RNRMW Digital Communications (e.g. RN Forum).	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
h. Royal Navy Welfare social media (e.g. Facebook).	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Your Accommodation

Q68	What kind of accommodation do you live in at present du	ring the work	ing week? (Tick one box only)
	Service Family Accommodation (SFA)	1	Please go to Q69
	Substitute Service Family Accommodation (SSFA)	2	Please go to Q69
	Single Living Accommodation (SLA)	3	Please go to Q69
	Substitute Service Single Accommodation (SSSA) (Formerly SSLA)	4	Please go to Q69
	Ship or Submarine	5	Please go to Q69
	Property I own	6	Please go to Q72
	Privately rented accommodation	7	Please go to Q70
	In a relative's (e.g. parents') home	8	Please go to Q70
	Other (please specify in the text box below)	9	Please go to Q70

Q69

With regard to your current Service Accommodation, how satisfied are you with the following?

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	/ N/A Very Don't dissatisfied know
a. The overall standard.	1	2	3	4	5
b. The value for money.	1	2	3	4	5
c. The response to requests for maintenance/repair to my current accommodation.	1	2	3	4	5
d. The quality of maintenance/repair work to my current accommodation.	1	2	3	4	5
e. How fairly Service Accommodation is allocated.	1	2	3	4	5
f. The accommodation I live in meets my needs.	1	2	3	4	5

Q70 Do you currently own your own home? Please answer this question whether you live in this property or not. Yes Please go to Q72 No Please go to Q71 No, but I am currently saving up to buy a home in the future Please go to Q71 Q71 Please indicate whether each of the following is a reason why you do not own your own home. (Tick all that apply) Once completed, please go to the next page. a. I don't want to own a home at this stage in my life/career. b. Living in Service Accommodation is better suited to my/ my family's needs at present than home ownership is. c. I want to be able to move about/move my family with me when I am posted. d. I don't want to buy a home where I am currently located. e. I can't afford to buy a suitable home at the moment. f. I don't want to risk losing money. g. I wouldn't be able to live in the home. h. Other (please specify in the text box below):

Q72 Please indicate whether each of the following was a reason why you bought your own home (Tick all that apply).

a. To give stability for myself and my family.

b. The allowances for living in my own home.

c. To rent it out.

d. Poor standards of SLA or SFA.

e. Poor location of SLA or SFA.

f. The cost of SLA or SFA.

g. I wanted to live with my partner.

h. Other (please specify in the text box below):

Q73

If you currently own a home, how satisfied are you with the following?

Very satisfied nor satisfied Satisfied dissatisfied 2 3 a. The opportunity to live in my own home.

Neither

Very

dissatisfied

5

N/A

Dissatisfied

b. The allowances for living in my own home.



If you do not live in privately rented accommodation during the working week, please go to Q76

Q74	Please indicate whether each of the following accommodation. (Tick all that apply).	is a reason why you moved into privately rented
	a. To give stability for myself and my family.	1
	b. I can't afford to buy a suitable home at the moment.	1
	c. The payments and allowances for renting a home.	1
	d. Poor standards of SLA or SFA.	1
	e. Poor location of SLA or SFA.	1
	f. The cost of SLA or SFA.	1
	g. SLA or SFA not available at my base.	1
	h. I wanted to live with my partner.	1
	i. Other (please specify in the text box below):	

Q75 With regard to your privately rented accommodation, how satisfied are you with the following?

	Very		satisfied nor		Very	
	satisfied	Satisfied	dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	dissatisfied	N/A
a. The opportunity to live in non-Service accommodation	1	2	3	4	5	6
b. The accommodation I live in meets my needs.	1	2	3	4	5	6
c. The value for money.	1	2	3	4	5	6
d. How fairly families accommodation is allocated.	1	2	3	4	5	6

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Neither

<u>Subsidised accommodation</u> is any accommodation that Defence provides a regular payment towards, or provides to you with charges collected through pay.

Q76 How satisfied are you with the following?

	Very		satisfied nor	Very	
	satisfied	Satisfied	dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	dissatisfied
a. The ability to live with whom I want to in Defence-subsidised accommodation (e.g. SLA, SFA, private rental sector).	1	2	3	4	5

Q77 Which of these best sums up your awareness of the Forces Help to Buy Scheme (FHTB)?

I've heard of it but know nothing about it	
I've heard of it and know a little about it	
I've heard of it and know a lot about it	

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		3	
	Ē	4	

You can find more information on Forces Help to Buy at the following link: www.gov.uk/forces-help-to-buy

Q78	Have you used Forces Help to Buy (FHTB) in the last year?						
	Yes						
	No	2					
Q79	Are you considering using Forces Help to Buy (FHTB) for a future home purchase?						
	Yes						
	No	2					

Catering, Retail and Leisure

Q80	Thinking specifically about food and drink supplied on your Unit, when considering where to eat which of these factors are important to you? (Tick all that apply)								
	a. Price.								
	b. Value for money.								
	c. Choice.								
	d. Quality.								
	e. Quantity.								
	f. Well known brand.								
	g. Where it is sourced from (e.g. Fairtrade, locally proc	duced).							
	h. Nutritional value.								
	i. Dietary requirements (e.g. vegetarian, vegan, food a	Illergies, relig	jious).						
	j. Access (e.g. opening times, timings).								
	k. Other (please specify in the text box below):			1					
Q81	How often do you use Service-provided cater	-		a <i>ii</i>	_ /				
	a. For eating at breakfast.	Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	N/A		
	b. For eating at lunchtime.		□ 2	3		5			
	c. For eating in the evening.		2	3					
	d. For drinking, socialising in the bar.		2	3					
	e. For informal functions.		2	3					
	f. For formal functions (<u>Officers/SNCOs/WOs only</u>).		2	3					
Q82	How satisfied are you with the following?			Neither					
		Very satisfied	Satisfied	satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	N/A		
	a. The availability of food during the week on my Unit (e.g. opening hours).						6		
	b. The number of functions during the year.		2	3	4	5	6		
	c. The standard of service from catering contractors on my Unit.	1	2	3	4	5	6		
	Your Far	nily Lif	e						
Q83	What is your current personal status? Single (never married or formed a civil partnership)		Г] ¹ Plea	se go to Q85				
	In a long term/established relationship (but not married or in a civil partnership)			2					
	Married/In a civil partnership		Γ	3					
	Separated, but still legally married or in a civil partners	ship		_ _⁴ Plea	se go to Q85				
	Divorced/Formerly in a civil partnership which is now lo	egally dissol	ved	_]⁵ Plea	se go to Q85				
	Widowed/The surviving partner from a civil partnership	0		_ _ ⁶ Plea	se go to Q85				
	Prefer not to say			7 Plea	se go to Q85				

Q84	What is your spouse/partner's current employment situation? (Tick one box only) In the Armed Forces
	In full-time paid employment/full-time self-employment (other than Armed Forces)
	In part-time paid employment/part-time self-employment
	In voluntary (unpaid) employment
	Not employed (for any reason)
	In full-time or part-time education
	
Q85	Do you have any children whom you support financially? Yes
	No Please go to Q90
Q86	If YES, how many children do you have in each age group? (<i>Please write the number of children for each category in each box, e.g. "3", or if you do not have children in a category please insert "0".</i>)
	Under 5 years
	Between 5 and 17 years
	3
	18 years and over
Q87	Do any of your children live with you? (Tick one box only).
	Yes 1
	Weekends/holidays only
	No Please go to Q90
	N/A Please go to Q90
Q88	If you have a child or children living with you, do you consider yourself to be a lone/single parent? Yes 1^{1} No 2^{2} N/A 3^{3}
Q89	If you require childcare, how satisfied are you with accessibility to childcare facilities?
	Neither
	Very satisfied nor Very satisfied Satisfied dissatisfied dissatisfied N/A
Q90	Do you have caring responsibilities for infirm or elderly adult(s)?
	Yes ¹ No ²
-	Navy would like to understand how Service life affects personal finance. The information could ining and policy.
Q91	If you have been declined credit in the last 12 months, what was the reason for this?
	(Tick all that apply). If you have not been declined credit in the last 12 months, please move on to Q92.
	a. Failed credit check
	b. Lack of UK credit history
	c. Too many address moves
	d. Don't know
	e. Prefer not to say
	f. Other reason (please specify in the text box below):

Don't

Q92

	Being Part of	of Society							
Q93	Are you currently registered to vote?								
	Yes		1	Please go to Q94					
	No		2	Please go to Q95					
	Don't know		3	Please go to Q96					
You can reg	gister to vote at the following link: www.gov.uk/	register-to-vote							
Q94	If you are currently registered to vote, are you	registered as?	? (Tick oi	ne box only).					
	An ordinary/residential voter - registered for one year, usually via the annual update of voters (annual canvas	5).	1	Please go to Q96					
	A Service voter - registered for five years, via a Service	declaration.	2	Please go to Q96					
	An overseas voter - registered for one year, in the same non-Forces British citizen living overseas.	e way as a	3	Please go to Q96					
Q95	If you are not currently registered to vote, wha	t is the <u>main</u> rea	son for t	his? (Tick one box only)					
	I did not receive an electoral registration form	1							
	I have not got around to it, but aim to do it sometime	2							
	I do not know how to register	3							
	I am not interested in politics	4							
	l wish to remain impartial	5							
	Other	6							
	The 'Armed Forces Covenant', announced by the Government in May 2011, is a promise by the nation ensuring that those who serve or who have served in the Armed Forces, and their families, are treated fairly.								

Q96 Which of these best sums up your awareness of the Armed Forces Covenant?

I've never heard of it	
I've heard of it but know nothing about it	2
I've heard of it and know a little about it	3
I've heard of it and know a lot about it	4

See the following link - https://www.armedforcescovenant.gov.uk - for more information.

Q97 Which, if any, of the following areas do you feel advantaged or disadvantaged as a Service person, compared to the general public?

	Strongly		advantaged nor		Strongly	know/
	advantaged	Advantaged	disadvantaged	Disadvantaged	disadvantaged	N/A
a. Family's access to NHS care.	1	2	3	4	5	6
b. Children's Education.	1	2	3	4	5	6
c. Housing.	1	2	3	4	5	6
d. Family life.	1	2	3	4	5	6
e. Benefits.	1	2	3	4	5	6
f. Tax.	1	2	3	4	5	6
g. Commercial Products and Services (e.g. Home and Car Insurance, Telephone/Media Packages, Access to Credit).	1	2	3	4	5	6

Neither

	h. HM Forces and Veterans-specific financial advice and discounts (e.g. Money Force, Defence Discount Service, Defence Privilege Cards and Joining Forces (Credit Unions)).		Advantaged	Neither advantaged nor disadvantaged 3	Disadvantaged	Strongly disadvantaged 5	Don't know/ d N/A
	 i. Participation as Citizens (e.g. contacting a local councillor, MP or other public official, attending a public meeting, rally or signing a petition). 	1	2	3	4	5	6
	j. Other (please specify in the text box below):	1	2	3	4	5	6
Q98	How strongly do you agree or disagree with		ing?	Neither			
		Strongly agree		agree nor disagree 3	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
	 a. I offer an important service to the country. b. Members of the Armed Forces are valued by society at large. 		2	3	4	5	6
	Your Ba	ckgrou	Ind				
Q99	Have you ever been a member of a Service (Air Training Corps/Combined Cadet Force)? Yes	det Corps/A to to Q100	rmy Cadet	Force/			
	No	2	Please go				
Q100	If YES, were you a member of the: (Tick all the arrive of the component of	hat apply)					
	b. Army Cadet Force (ACF)?c. Air Training Corps (ATC)?						
	d. Combined Cadet Force RN (CCF RN)?						
	e. Combined Cadet Force Army (CCF Army)?						
	f. Combined Cadet Force RAF (CCF RAF)?	1					
	Taking Action an	d Your	Comn	nents			
Q101	How strongly do you agree or disagree with						
		Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
	a. I believe the leaders in the RN will take action on the results of AFCAS.		2	3	4	5	6
	 b. I think effective action has been taken in the RN on the results of AFCAS. 	1	2	3	4	5	6
Q102	How strongly do you agree or disagree with	the follow	ing?	Neither			
		Strongly	Aaroo	agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
	I believe the leaders in the RN are committed	agree	Agree		4		6

committed to creating a diverse and inclusive workplace.

Thank you for completing this survey.

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What is **Life in the Royal Marines** like for you? Your views are important

You can complete this survey online - see inside for details















The Armed Forces Continuous Attitude Survey (AFCAS) is your opportunity to tell me what vou think about life in the Royal Marines. The AFCAS results provide me and my team with the critical evidence required to argue your case at the very top of Defence and to drive forward change. I encourage you to take the opportunity to share your views; the more of you who complete the AFCAS, the more information it provides me to keep people at the highest levels of Defence informed of your opinions and desires. I assure you, your views do count and do make a difference. Please take the time to complete the AFCAS to enable me to represent you as you would wish.

Vice Admiral Martin Connell Second Sea Lord and Deputy Chief of Naval Staff



PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

Armed Forces Continuous Attitude Survey (AFCAS): Royal Marines

This survey is available for you to complete online. The **Token** you are asked to enter is your Service Number (this is case sensitive e.g. AB01234C).

If you are accessing the survey via a **MOD computer** e.g. a MODNET or DII computer, please visit the following internal webpage:

http://bravo.dasa.r.mil.uk/limesurvey/index.php/759349

Alternatively, if you are accessing the survey using a **non-MOD computer** e.g. personal computer, tablet or mobile phone, please visit the following external webpage:

https://surveys.mod.uk/index.php/759349

Completing the survey electronically is the quickest and cheapest way for you to send us your views. You may find the first, internal link is quicker to load the survey than the second, external link.

Please only complete one version of the survey.

This survey asks about your views of Royal Marines life, including working and living conditions, and other key aspects of day-to-day life, which should take about 30 minutes to complete. There is space at the end of the survey for any comments you wish to make.

Before you decide whether to participate, it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and feel free to ask us if you would like more information or if there is anything that you do not understand. The number of participants invited and ranks chosen to take part in the survey have been picked to give a fair set of views of Royal Marines Personnel – so your input is valuable.

The survey is run by Defence Statistics (Surveys) in the Analysis Directorate, and Civilians outside your Chain of Command. This research is approved by the MoD Research Ethics Committee (MoDREC). If you would like further details, contact the researcher listed at the end of this sheet.

Your replies will be treated in the strictest confidence and no one from your Chain of Command will see your completed survey. To make sure your views remain confidential, only grouped answers will be reported. Completed paper surveys are stored securely and destroyed after three months; electronic responses will be kept indefinitely. You can read the reports too¹.

The researchers will link your responses to JPA to provide some information, such as your Branch or Trade, gender, age, national identity, rank, enlistment date, contract type, and voluntary outflow status, so that we don't have to ask you these questions in the survey. If you are not happy for your JPA data to be used in this way, please contact the researcher whose details are below. Please note that if you deny permission for both the JPA information and your rank and Service information to be linked to your survey responses, your responses cannot be used for analysis, and you are advised not to complete the survey.

The data controller for this project will be Defence Statistics. The Data Protection Officer oversees the processing of personal data, and can be contacted at: <u>Andy.Dorman415@mod.gov.uk</u>.

UK data protection law is regulated by the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). If you are concerned about how your personal data is being processed you may wish to submit a complaint to them. Contact details, and details of data subject rights are available on the ICO website at: https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/data-protection-reform/overview-of-the-gdpr/individuals-rights/

¹ Armed Forces Continuous Attitude Survey reports are publicly available via:

https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/armed-forces-continuous-attitude-survey-index. The report of the findings of the 2024 AFCAS survey is provisionally due to be released in May 2024.

You do not have to take part in this survey and choosing not to take part will not disadvantage you in any way. By completing and returning the survey you are agreeing to take part in the research.

Please do not remove or destroy the barcode printed on the back of the survey. Your response cannot be used without it.

Please complete the survey as soon as you can and return it in the envelope provided. **Responses must** reach us by 5th February 2024 in order to be included. Please allow sufficient time for postage.

Frequently asked questions:

Q. What is the purpose of the survey?

A. "The annual Armed Forces Continuous Attitude Survey (AFCAS) is one of the main ways the Department gathers information on the views and experiences of Armed Forces personnel. It is used to inform important work on pay and policy - such as engagement with the Armed Forces Pay Review Body (AFPRB) and to prioritise delivery of changes to personnel policy such as those recommended in the Haythornthwaite Review. Whilst I know that change often feels too slow and that there are many aspects of your Service that you might find frustrating, please be reassured that this survey provides you the opportunity to directly influence the decisions made by our policy makers on areas that impact your lives. By spending time completing this survey, you will help shape a modern Defence which better meets the needs of our people." – VAdm Phil Hally CB MBE (CDP)

Q. How is the information used?

A. The results are used to help make decisions on leave, pay, housing, career, recruiting methods, health and well-being, and other issues. Information is, for instance, given to the Armed Forces Pay Review Body, who report on Armed Forces pay, allowances and entitlements.

Q. Why have I been invited to complete this survey?

A. We have randomly selected a representative sample of Service personnel. Please do not send this survey on to people who have not been invited to take part.

Q. Do I have to complete the survey?

A. No, you can choose not to, the survey is entirely voluntary.

Q. What will I be asked to do?

A. You will be asked to answer several questions which you can choose to complete online or on paper. <u>Please only complete one version of the survey</u>. Completing the survey takes approximately 30 minutes. A link to complete the survey online has already been sent to you via your '@mod.gov.uk' email address.

Q. Will taking part or not taking part affect my Service career?

A. No. No one within your Chain of Command will see your responses or data.

Q. Will my records be kept confidential?

A. Your replies will be treated in the strictest confidence and no one from your Chain of Command will see your completed survey. To make sure your views remain confidential, only grouped answers will be reported. Completed paper surveys are stored securely and destroyed after three months; electronic responses will be kept indefinitely.

Q. What are the possible disadvantages and risks of taking part?

A. There are no known disadvantages or risks. However, if taking part in this survey upsets you, or you wish to talk about any personal issues further, please speak to your Unit Welfare Officer, Chaplain or seek guidance from the SSAFA helpline: 0800 260 6767.

Q. I have already completed the survey online, do I need to complete the paper version?

A. Thank you! Ignore this document as you have chosen the most effective way in which to register your views.

Q. What if I want to make a complaint?

A. Complaints about the survey should be addressed to Alexander Zammit, <u>Alexander.Zammit100@mod.gov.uk</u>, 07971 770576.

For further information: Contact Civil Service researcher: Philip Smith at Navy Command HQ, <u>NAVYNPS-RSCHMAILBOX@mod.gov.uk</u>, 0300 1668740.

This study complies, and at all times will comply, with the Declaration of Helsinki² as adopted at the 64th WMA General Assembly at Fortaleza, Brazil in October 2013.

Please turn the page for the 2024 Armed Forces Continuous Attitude Survey (AFCAS): Royal Marines.

² World Medical Association Declaration of Helsinki [revised October 2013]. Recommendations Guiding Medical Doctors in Biomedical Research Involving Human Subjects. 64th WMA General Assembly, Fortaleza (Brazil).

Armed Forces Continuous Attitude Survey 2024 Royal Marines

You may have recently received an AFCAS email inviting you to complete the online version of this survey. If you have already completed the online version of this 2024 AFCAS survey then please ignore this paper copy.

Please fill in this survey as fully and honestly as you can.

Please **read all instructions** carefully before answering a question and follow any **routing instruction** after answering a question. A few questions will require a written answer - please write clearly in **BLOCK CAPITALS**.

> Once completed please return the survey to: Civica Engagement Solutions, 33 Clarendon Road, London, N8 0NW using the prepaid envelope provided.

Responses must reach us by 5th February 2024 in order to be included in the survey.

If you wish to complete AFCAS online instead, please see details at the top of the Participant Information Sheet at the front of the booklet. Please only complete one version of the survey.

Your Pay

To compensate for differences in lifestyle, working conditions and expectations between Service personnel and their civilian equivalents, Service salaries are increased by 14.5% (for the majority of personnel). We call this the 'X-Factor'.

Q1 How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following?

a. The X-Factor in my salary is enough compensation for Service lifestyle, working conditions and expectations.	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree 3	Disagree	Strongly disagree
b. The pay and benefits I receive are fair for the work I do.	1	2	3	4	5

How satisfied are you with the following?

Q2	How satisfied are you with the following?						
		Very		Neither satisfied nor		Very	
		satisfied	Satisfied	dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	dissatisfied	
	a. My rate of basic pay (basic pay includes X-Factor, but excludes Recruitment and Retention Payment (RRP) and any allowances).	1	2	3	4	5	
	b. My pension benefits.	1	2	3	4	5	
	c. Information about pay and allowances (e.g. from the intranet, DINs and Directed Letters).	1	2	3	4	5	
	d. My ability to access JPA.		2	3	4	5 N	I/A
	e. My allowances (e.g. Longer Separation Allowance (LSA), Get You Home (GYH), Continuity of Education Allowance (CEA), Local Overseas Allowance (LOA), and Food and Incidentals Allowance (FIA)).	1	2	3	4	5	6
Q3	In the last 12 months, have you been in receip	ot of a Reci	ruitment	and Retenti	on Paymen	t (RRP)?	
	Yes - Please go to Q4		se go to Q5		,		
Q4	How satisfied are you with the following?						
	My Recruitment and Retention Payment (RRP).	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	
	Your	Work					
Q5	How satisfied are you with RM life in general?	•					
				Neither			
		Very satisfied	Satisfied	satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	
		1	2	3	4	5	
Q6	How would you rate the level of morale of						
		Very		Neither		Very	
		high	High	high nor low	Low	Low	
	a. Myself.						
	b. My Unit.					5	
	c. The RM as a whole.		\square^2	3	4	5	
Q7	How satisfied are you with the following aspe	cts of your	r current j	ob?			
		Very		Neither satisfied nor		Very	
		satisfied	Satisfied	dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	dissatisfied	
	a. My job in general.	1	2	3	4	5	
	b. The sense of achievement I get from my work.	1	2	3	4	5	
	c. The challenge in my job.	1	2	3	4	5	
	d. The amount of variety in my work.	1	2	3	4	5	
	e. My current work location.	1	2	3	4	5	

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	N/A
a. My superiors do not interfere excessively in my work activities.	1	2	3	4	5	6
b. I am given sufficient authority to make decisions.	1	2	3	4	5	6
c. If I make a genuine mistake at work, I do not feel that it will be held against me.	1	2	3	4	5	6
d. Where I work people do not automatically look for someone to blame when things go wrong.	1	2	3	4	5	6
e. I am encouraged to find better ways of doing things at work.	1	2	3	4	5	6
f. When I am set a task at work, I understand clearly what output is required.	1	2	3	4	5	6
g. I have a choice in deciding how I do my work.	1	2	3	4	5	6
h. I know that if I do my job well I will be praised or recognised.	1	2	3	4	5	6

Resources and Workload

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How satisfied are you with the following?

	a. The standard of personal equipment/kit I have to	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	
	do my job (e.g. clothes, boots, personal weapon). b. The availability of personal equipment/kit I have to do my job.	1	2	3	4	5	
	c. The standard of major equipment (e.g. vehicles and systems) I have to do my job.	1	2	3	4	5	
	d. The availability of major equipment I have to do my job.	1	2	3	4	5	
Q10	How would you rate your workload over the	last 12 mo	nths?				
		Much too high	Too high	About right	Too low	Much too low	
Q11	How satisfied are you with the following?						
		Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	
	a. The training facilities/training estate I have used in the last year.	1	2	3	4	5	
	b. The facilities on my base.	1	2	3	4	5	
	Your	Career					
Q12	Overall how satisfied are you with the way y	our career	is being n	nanaged?			
		Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	

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Career Management is defined as 'The assignment of individuals in accordance with endorsed current and future Service requirements, exploiting skills, career development needs and, whenever possible, personal preferences, whilst providing advice on future career paths'.

Q13	Overall how satisfied are you with the career and Branch Advisers?	managem	nent servic	e provided	by the Car	eer Managers
				Neither		
		Very satisfied	Satisfied	satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied N/A
		1	2	3	4	5 6
Q14	Who do you think is responsible for managing	g your ca	reer? (Tick	all that ap	ply)	
	a. You.	1				
	b. Immediate superior (line manager).					
	c. Career Manager.	1				
Q15	In terms of your current assignment, how stro	ongly do y	you agree	-	with the fo	ollowing?
		Strongly		Neither agree nor		Strongly
		agree	Agree	disagree	Disagree	disagree
	a. I have the knowledge, skills and experience to do my job.		2	3	4	5
	b. My knowledge, skills and experience are being used.		2	3	4	5
	c. The assignment provides development opportunities that will enhance my promotion prospects.	3 ¹	2	3	4	5
	d. My personal preferences were taken into account.	1	2	3	4	5
Q16	How satisfied are you with the following?					
		Very		Neither satisfied nor		Very
		satisfied	Satisfied	dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	dissatisfied
	a. The notice I received for my current/last assignment.		2	3	4	5
	b. Involvement in decisions that affect my career.	1	2	3	4	5
	c. The fairness of the appraisal system.	1	2	3	4	5
	d. The fairness of the promotion system.		2	3	4	5
	e. My opportunities for promotion.		2	3	4	5
	f. My opportunities for further service.		\square^2	3	4	5
Q17	How important is promotion to your satisfacti	on with y	our Servic	e career at	the presen	it time?
	Very important	1				
	Fairly important	2				
	Neither important nor unimportant	3				
	Fairly unimportant	4				
	Very unimportant	5				
	Your Line M	anage	ement			
Q18	How strongly do you agree or disagree with the (Service or Civilian)?			ents about	your imme	diate superior
	(04		Neither		Otras and D. "
		Strongly agree	Agree	agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly Don't disagree know
	a. Understands and represents my interests.					

- b. Supports me in my job.
- c. Sets a positive example.
- d. Encourages me to develop my skills.
- e. Is supportive over work/life balance issues.
- f. Provides regular feedback on my performance.
- g. Tells me what's going on at work.



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	h. Is someone I trust. i. Helps me to understand how I contribute to	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree 3 3	Disagree	Strongly disagree 5 5	Don't know
	RM objectives. j. Helps me to understand how major change		2	3			
	decisions will affect me.						
	k. Works well with personnel from different backgrounds.		2	3		5	6
	 I am satisfied with the leadership provided by my immediate supervisor. 	1	2	3	4	5	6
Q19	How strongly do you agree or disagree with	the followi	ng?				
	My immediate chain of command supports me.	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree ³	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't Know
	Senior Le	eaders	hip				
Q20	How strongly do you agree or disagree with Royal Marines (i.e. Brigadier and above)?	the followi	ng statem	ents about	the senior	leaders of	f the
		Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
	a. They understand and represent my interests.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	b. They are keen to listen to Service people's feedbac	k. 1	2	3	4	5	6
	c. They champion the RM's interests in Tri-Service issues.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	d. They communicate decisions to personnel.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	e. They understand the impact of change on personnel.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	f. I have confidence in the leadership of the RM.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Comm	nitment	t				
Q21	How strongly do you agree or disagree with	the followi	ng?	Maithar			
	a. In the last 12 months, I have fulfilled my	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree ³	Disagree	Strongly disagree	
	commitments/promises to the RM. b. In the last 12 months, the RM has fulfilled its	1	²	3	4	5	
	commitments/promises to me.	[1]	2	3	[] 4	5	
	c. I am proud to be in the RM.						
	d. I am valued by the RM.						
	 e. I would recommend joining the RM to others. f. I feel a strong personal attachment to the RM. 						
	i. There a strong personal attachment to the RM.						

g. I feel a strong personal attachment to my Unit.

h. The RM inspires me to do the best in my job.

i. The RM motivates me to help it achieve its objectives.

j. My family is proud of me serving in the Armed Forces.

k. My family benefits from being a Service family.

I. My family supports my career in the RM.

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Ethos refers to our role and the way in which we fulfil it. Since the Second World War, we have developed a specific function as a commando and amphibious force, undertaking operations in harsh environments, be they mountain, jungle, cold weather or desert. This difficult and unique task requires certain personal characteristics. It is because of these individual qualities that we are able to fulfil our collective role successfully.

Q22 How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following?

Q23

Q26

	Strongly agree	Agree	agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. The ethos of the RM is an important part of life in the RM.	1	2	3	4	5

Neither

Working with Others In considering your immediate working team, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following? Neither Strongly Strongly agree nor agree Agree disagree Disagree disagree 3 5 a. My team know exactly what their responsibilities are. 1 b. The people in my team can be relied upon to help 3 when things get difficult in my job. c. We have confidence in ourselves as a team. d. The people in my team work together to find ways to improve the service we provide. e. Team members work well with personnel from different backgrounds.

Q24 Have you had working contact with any of the following in the <u>last two years</u>? (Tick all that apply) IF NONE APPLY PLEASE GO TO Q27

a. Armed Forces Reserves.	
b. MOD Civil Servants.	
c. MOD contractors.	

Q25 In your experience, how would you rate the contribution to the RM of...

	Very valuable	Valuable	Not very valuable	Not at all valuable	Don't know/ N/A		
a. Armed Forces Reserves.	1	2	3	4	5		
b. MOD Civil Servants.	1	2	3	4	5		
c. MOD contractors.	1	2	3	4	5		
In your experience, how well integrated into the RM are…							
	Very well	Well	Not very well	Not at all well	Don't know/ N/A		
a. Armed Forces Reserves.	1	2	3	4	5		
b. MOD Civil Servants.		2	3	4	5		
c. MOD contractors.	1	2	3	4	5		

Change

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following?							
	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	
well in my immediate	1	2	3	4	5		
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Your Deployments

lf you have	NOT been on an operational deployment since	e 1 Jan 202	21, please	go to Q32			
Q28	With regards to your current/last operational of a Unit?	deploymeı	nt, were y	ou deploye	d individua	lly or as p	art
	Individually	As part of	a Unit	2			
Q29	With regards to your current/last operational	deploymeı	nt, how sa	tisfied are	you with th	e followin	g?
		Very satisfied	Satisfied	satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	N/A
	a. Non-operational allowances (e.g. LSA, GYH(T), residual unaccompanied rate of LOA).	1	2	3	4	5	6
	b. Operational allowances (e.g. Overseas Assistance, Concessionary travel for immediate families, Unpleasant work allowance, Unpleasant living allowance etc.).	1	2	3	4	5	6
	c. The deployment notice.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	d. The pre-operational/sea training.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	e. The welfare support I received from Royal Navy Royal Marines Welfare (RNRMW) when I returned from operational deployment.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	f. The welfare support that my family, partner and/or parents received from the RNRMW when I returned from operational deployment.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	g. The decompression and post operational tour support I received when I returned from operational deployment.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	h. The Post Operational Stress Management that I received when I returned from operational deployment.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	i. The operational role I was assigned to.	1	2	3	4	5	6
Q30	What is your view of the following regarding y	-		-	deploymer	nts?	
	a. The frequency of my operational deployments.	Too often 1 Too	About right 2 About	Not often enough 3 Too			
	b. The length of my operational deployments.	long	right	short			
Q31	How strongly do you agree or disagree with t	he followir	ng?				
	Rest and recuperation (R&R) provides me with sufficient time to rest to sustain operational effectiveness.	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree 3	Disagree	Strongly disagree	<i>N/A</i>

Training and Development

Q32	How satisfied a	are you with the following?					
			Very		Neither satisfied nor		Very
			satisfied	Satisfied	dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	dissatisfied
		es for professional development					5
		es for personal development.					
	c. The timing of the to carry out my cu	ne training I have received in ord urrent job roles.		2	3	4	5
	d. The extent to w I was trained.	which I am doing the job for whic	h ¹	2	3	4	5
		es to gain civilian accreditation f e.g. NVQs, apprenticeships).	or ¹	2	3	4	5
Q33	-	oortance do you place on p			reditation?		
	A lot	2	Very little				
	Some		None at	all].		
		Your F	uture Pla	ans			
Q34	What are your	plans for the future? (Tick	one box only)).			
	To stay serving a	s long as I can		[1		
	To stay serving to	the end of my current engagen	nent/commission		2		
	To leave the RM	before the end of my current eng	gagement/comm	nission	3		
	I leave the RM as	s soon as I can		ſ	4		
	I have put in my r	notice to leave		Γ	5		
	N/A / Don't know			[6		
Q35	How actively h Very actively	ave you searched for a job	outside the R Not very	-	ast 12 mont	ths?	
	Quite actively	2	Not at al	- L	4		
Q36		e the RM, would you consi y: Army Reserves, RAF: R				Forces (RN	/RM: Maritime
			Yes	No 2	Don't know		
	a. Full-time.						
	b. Part-time.			2	3		
Q37	What would ma	ake you join the Volunteer	Reserve Force	es? (Pleas	e write in tl	ne text box	below)

How do the following factors impact on your intention to stay or leave the RM?

	Strongly increases my intention to stay	Increases my intention to stay	Has no effect on my intention to stay or leave	Increases my intention to leave	Strongly increases my intention to leave
a. Impact of RM life on family and personal life.		2	3	4	5
b. Opportunities outside the RM.		2	3	4	5
c. Current job satisfaction.	\square ¹	2	3	4	5
d. Job security.		2	3	4	5
e. My morale.	\square ¹	2	3	4	5
f. Service morale.		2	3	4	5
g. Amount of pay.		2	3	4	5
h. Amount of allowances.		2	3	4	5
i. Opportunities for career development.		2	3	4	5
. Opportunities for personal development.		2	3	4	5
k. Opportunities for sport.		2	3	4	5
. Opportunities for Adventurous Training.		2	3	4	5
m. Promotion prospects.		2	3	4	5
n. Healthcare provision.		2	3	4	5
o. Dental provision.		2	3	4	5
p. Mental health provision.		2	3	4	5
q. Pension.		2	3	4	5
r. Opportunities for flexible working conditions.		2	3	4	5
s. Excitement of the job.		2	3	4	5
t. Opportunities for operational deployment.		2	3	4	5
u. Financial Incentives to remain in the RM (in addition to pay and allowances).	1	2	3	4	5
v. Spouse/partner's career.	1	2	3	4	5
w. Childcare.		2	3	4	5
x. Work/life balance whilst in a seagoing role.		2	3	4	5
y. Work/life balance while ashore.	1	2	3	4	5
z. Management in my current Unit.		2	3	4	5
aa. Accommodation provision.		2	3	4	5
ab. Armed Forces House Purchase Incentive Scheme (i.e. Forces Help to Buy Scheme).	1	2	3	4	5

Q39

Q38

What single factor could be changed to positively affect your decision to remain in the RM? (Please specify in the text box below):

Q40	If you have put in your notice to leave, most influenced your decision to leave the boxes provided.)	•				
	· · · · ·	cond most importar ason for leaving	nt 2		most import on for leaving	1 1
Q41	How would having the following option	ns impact on you	ur intention	to stay or	leave the F	RM ?
		Strongly increases my intention to stay	Increases my intention to stay	Has no effect on my intention to stay or leave	Increases my intention to leave	Strongly increases my intention to leave
	a. Opportunities to work part-time.		2	3	4	5
	b. Opportunities for reduced separated Service (including operational deployment).	e 1	2	3	4	5
	Fairr	ness at Wo	ork			
	ns to achieve an environment free from ion, in which all have equal opportunity					ı l .
Q42	How strongly do you agree or disagree in the RM?	e with the followi	ing statem	ent regardi	ng fairness	and equality
	I am treated fairly at work.	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree ³	Disagree	Strongly disagree 5
Q43	Do you feel that the RM discipline syst	em is?				
	Very fair	Unfair	4			
	Fair ²	Very unfa	air 🗍 ⁵			
	Neither fair nor unfair					
	ay be characterised as offensive, intimic oower through means intended to under			-	•	

<u>Discrimination</u> can occur when a person is treated less favourably because of race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, pregnancy or maternity, marriage or civil partnership, gender reassignment, age or disability. Discrimination can also occur where a policy or practice which applies to everyone unreasonably disadvantages a person on the basis of the characteristics mentioned above.

<u>Harassment</u> includes unwanted conduct which is related to the characteristics mentioned above and is intended to or has the effect of violating another's dignity or creating a hostile, degrading, humiliating or offensive environment.

Please note that the data gathered is strictly for research purposes only. You are advised not to name any individuals in your response. No action will be taken on this, and you are instead advised to seek guidance from the Defence Bullying, Harassment and Discrimination helpline on 0800 014 2381. Alternatively, please contact the SSAFA Confidential Helpline: 0800 260 6767 (freephone) or +44 (0)207 463 9292 (overseas) (website also at: https://www.ssafa.org.uk/help-you/forcesline).

Q44

Do you believe you have been subject to any of the following in a Service environment in the last 12 months? (Tick all that apply).

a. Bullying		
b. Discrimination		
c. Harassment	1	
d. None of the above	1	Please go to Q47

If you believe you have been subject to <u>bullying</u> in a Service environment in the last 12 months, please specify on what grounds in the text box below:

Q46

If you believe that you have been subject to <u>discrimination or harassment</u> in a Service environment in the last 12 months, please specify on what grounds:

	Discrimination	Harassment
a. Gender.	1	2
b. Gender reassignment.	1	2
c. Race, colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin.	1	2
d. Marriage/civil partnership.	1	2
e. Religion or beliefs.	1	2
f. Sexual orientation.	1	2
g. Age.	1	2
h. Disability.	1	2
. Pregnancy or maternity.	1	2

<u>Sexual harassment</u> is defined as verbal, non-verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature that is unwanted, degrading, offensive or humiliating for the recipient. Such conduct includes, but is not limited to: unwelcome sexual advances, unwanted sexual attention, requests for sexual favours, or verbal, online or physical acts or gestures of a sexual nature. It can be experienced by anyone regardless of age or gender.

Q47	Do you believe you have been subject to sexual harassment in a Service environment in the last 12 months?								
	Yes ¹ No		2						
Q48	Did you make a formal written complaint witl harassment and/or bullying?	nin the last	t 12 month	ns about thi	s discrimir	ation,			
	Yes	1	Please go	o to Q49					
	No	2	Please go	o to Q50					
	N/A	3	Please go	o to Q51					
Q49	If you DID make a formal written complaint, h your complaint?	now satisfi	ed were/a	-	the followi	ng aspects	s of		
		Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	N/A		
	a. The objectivity and fairness with which my complaint was handled/is being handled.	1	2	3	4	5	6		
	b. The amount of time taken/it is taking to resolve my complaint.	1	2	3	4	5	6		
	c. How well I was/am being kept informed about the progress of my complaint.	1	2	3	4	5	6		
	d. The support provided by my Assisting Officer.	1	2	3	4	5	6		
	e. The outcome of my complaint.	1	2	3	4	5	6		
Q50	If you did NOT make a formal written complaint, why was this? (Tick all that apply)								
	a. I was not aware of the Service Complaints process	i.							
	b. I considered the incident(s) to be too minor to repo	rt.			1				

c. The incident(s) was/were resolved informally.

d. The incident(s) was/were resolved through mediation.	1
e. I did not believe anything would be done if I did complain.	1
f. I did not want to go through the complaints procedure.	1
g. I believed it might adversely affect my career.	1
h. I believed it might adversely affect another work colleague or the working environment.	1
i. I was worried that there would be recriminations from the perpetrators.	1
j. I was discouraged from doing so.	1
k. Other reason(s) - (please specify in the text box below):	1

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Q51 Which of these best sums up your awareness of the Service Complaints <u>Process</u>?

I've never heard of it	
I've heard of it but know nothing about it	2
I've heard of it and know a little about it	3
I've heard of it and know a lot about it	 ⁴

Q52 Which of these best sums up your awareness of the Service Complaints <u>Ombudsman</u>?

I've never heard of it	
I've heard of it but know nothing about it	2 ²
I've heard of it and know a little about it	3
I've heard of it and know a lot about it	4

Information about the Service Complaints Process can be found on the following link: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/jsp-831-redress-of-individual-grievances-service-complaints

Information about the Service Complaints Ombudsman can be found on the following link: https://www.scoaf.org.uk/

	Your Work-	Life Ba	lance					
Q53	In the past 12 months approximately how much time have you spent away from your family (e.g. spouse/partner or children) for Service reasons?							
	Not been away	Between 7-9	months (27-3	39 weeks)	5			
	Up to 1 month (4 weeks)	Between 10-	12 months (4	0-52 weeks)	6			
	Between 1-3 months (5-13 weeks)	N/A			7			
	Between 4-6 months (14-26 weeks)							
Q54	In the past 12 months, how satisfied were you with the following?							
		Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied		
	a. The ability to plan my own life - short term (e.g. work/weekend leave).	1	2	3	4	5		
	b. The ability to plan my own life - long term (e.g. holidays/career training).	1	2	3	4	5		
	c. The opportunity for me to work flexibly (e.g. variable start/finish times, Compressed Hours, Working from home).	1	2	3	4	5 N/A		
	d. The amount of time away from my usual place of duty.	1	2	3	4	5		

	e. The amount of time away from my family and friends.	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied N/A
	f. The effect of Service life on my children's education		2	3	4	5 6
	g. The effect of Service life on my spouse/partner's career.	1	2	3	4	
Q55	How strongly do you agree or disagree with t	he followi	ing?			
	I am able to maintain a balance between my personal and working life.	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree 3	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Q56	Do you think you are able to deliver your out and remote working)? Yes, completely	puts throu	ıgh hybrid	working (a	blend of lo	ocation-based
	Yes, to some extent No	2				
	Your I	_eave				
Q57	How satisfied are you with the following?					
	a. My overall leave allowance i.e. annual leave, post operational leave (POL), Sea-Goers Leave (SGL), leave carried over from previous years.	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
	b. The opportunity to take leave when I want to.	1	2	3	4	5
	c. The amount of leave I was able to take in the last 12 months.	1	2	3	4	5
Q58	If you did not take all of your annual leave all reason for this? (Tick all that apply)	owance w	vithin the la	ast leave ye	ar, what wa	as the
	a. Operational tour.					
	b. Not allowed.	1				
	c. Courses/training.	1				
	d. Workload.	1				
	e. Understaffing.	1				
	f. I wanted to carry days over to the next leave year.					
	g. Other (please specify in the text box below):					

Your Health and Well-being

Q59

If you have received Service-provided <u>medical</u> treatment (including mental healthcare) in the last 2 years, how satisfied were you with:
Neither

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	N/A
a. Being able to access the medical care when I needed it.	1	2	3	4	5	6
b. The medical treatment.	1	2	3	4	5	6

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Q60

Q66

Q60	If you have received Service-provided <u>dental</u> treatment in the last 2 years, how satisfied were you with:								ı		
	a. Being able to ad needed it.	ccess the o	dental care	when I	Ver satist		atisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	N/A
	b. The dental treat	tment]1	2	3	4	5	6
	neasuring nation estions below a									general wi	th
Q61	Overall, how sa	tisfied a	re you wi	th your li	fe nowac	lays?			_		
	Not at all 0 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Comp. 9	letely 10	
Q62	Overall, how ha	appy did	you feel y	yesterday	?						
	Not at all	0	2		-	<u>,</u>	-	0	Comp		
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Q63	Overall, how ar	nxious di	d you fee	l yesterd	ay?						
	Not at all 0 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Comp. 9	letely 10	
									J J		
Q64	Overall, to wha	t extent o	lo you fe	el the thi	ngs you (do in yo	ur life a	re worthwh	nile?		
	Not at all				_		_		Comp	-	
		2	3		5	6	7	8	9	10	
	Fi	tness	, Spo	rt and	Adve	entur	ous 1	Fraining	3		
Q65	How satisfied a										
					Ver satist		atisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	

	Salisiicu	Salisileu	uissalisileu	Dissalistic
a. RM sport, exercise and fitness facilities in general.		2	3	4
b. My opportunities to undertake fitness activities (e.g. to meet fitness standards).	1	2	3	4
c. My opportunities to take part in sport.	1	2	3	4
d. My opportunities to take part in Adventurous Training.	1	2	3	4
e. My opportunities to take part in Force Development Activities.	1	2	3	4
Wel	fare			
How satisfied are you with the following?				
	Very		Neither satisfied nor	

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	N/A
a. The welfare support provided by the RNRMW for me.	1	2	3	4	5	6
b. The welfare support provided by the RNRMW for my family.	1	2	3	4	5	6
c. The support my spouse/partner gets from the RNRMW when I am absent.	1	2	3	4	5	6
d. The Operational/Deployment Welfare Package.	1	2	3	4	5	6

Q67 How satisfied are you with the following?

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Not used	Not heard of
a. The Regimental system.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
b. The chaplaincy support provided by the Royal Navy.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
c. The RNRMW, Specialist Welfare Support (e.g. the Portal and casework).	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
d. The RNRMW, Community Support.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
e. The RNRMW Information Services.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
f. The Naval Families Federation.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
g. RNRMW Digital Communications (e.g. RN Forum).	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
h. Royal Navy Welfare social media (e.g. Facebook).	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Your Accommodation

Q68	What kind of accommodation do you live in at present du	ring the wor	king week? (Tick one box only)
	Service Family Accommodation (SFA)	1	Please go to Q69
	Substitute Service Family Accommodation (SSFA)	2	Please go to Q69
	Single Living Accommodation (SLA)	3	Please go to Q69
	Substitute Service Single Accommodation (SSSA) (Formerly SSLA)	4	Please go to Q69
	Ship or Submarine	5	Please go to Q69
	Property I own	6	Please go to Q72
	Privately rented accommodation	7	Please go to Q70
	In a relative's (e.g. parents') home	8	Please go to Q70
	Other (please specify in the text box below)	9	Please go to Q70

Q69

With regard to your current Service Accommodation, how satisfied are you with the following?

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	N/A Very Don dissatisfied know	'n't
a. The overall standard.		2	3	4	5	6
b. The value for money.	1	2	3	4	5]6
c. The response to requests for maintenance/repair to my current accommodation.	1	2	3	4	5]6
d. The quality of maintenance/repair work to my current accommodation.	1	2	3	4	5]6
e. How fairly Service Accommodation is allocated.	1	2	3	4	5]6
f. The accommodation I live in meets my needs.	1	2	3	4	5	6

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Q70	Do you currently own your own home? Please answer thi or not.	s question w	hether you live in this property
	Yes		Please go to Q72
	No	2	Please go to Q71
	No, but I am currently saving up to buy a home in the future.	3	Please go to Q71
Q71	Please indicate whether each of the following is a reason (Tick all that apply) Once completed, please go to the new a. I don't want to own a home at this stage in my life/career.		<u>not own</u> your own home.
	b. Living in Service Accommodation is better suited to my/ my family's needs at present than home ownership is.		
	c. I want to be able to move about/move my family with me when I am posted.	1	
	d. I don't want to buy a home where I am currently located.	1	
	e. I can't afford to buy a suitable home at the moment.		
	f. I don't want to risk losing money.		
	g. I wouldn't be able to live in the home.		
	h. Other (please specify in the text box below):		

Please indicate whether each of the following was a reason why you bought your own home Q72 (Tick all that apply). **1**

а	To	avin	stability	for	myself	and	mv	family	
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a. The opportunity to live in my own home.

b. The allowances for living in my own home.

b. The allowances for living in my own home.	
c. To rent it out.	1
d. Poor standards of SLA or SFA.	1
e. Poor location of SLA or SFA.	1
f. The cost of SLA or SFA.	
g. I wanted to live with my partner.	1
h. Other (please specify in the text box below):	1

Q73

If you currently own a home, how satisfied are you with the following?



If you do not live in privately rented accommodation during the working week, please go to Q76

accommodation. (Tick all that apply). a. To give stability for myself and my family.	
b. I can't afford to buy a suitable home at the moment.	
c. The payments and allowances for renting a home.	
d. Poor standards of SLA or SFA.	
e. Poor location of SLA or SFA.	
f. The cost of SLA or SFA.	
g. SLA or SFA not available at my base.	
h. I wanted to live with my partner.	
i. Other (please specify in the text box below):	

Q75 With regard to your privately rented accommodation, how satisfied are you with the following?

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied N/A
a. The opportunity to live in non-Service accommodation.	1	2	3	4	5 6
b. The accommodation I live in meets my needs.		2	3	4	5 6
c. The value for money.	1	2	3	4	5 6
d. How fairly families accommodation is allocated.	1	2	3	4	5 6

<u>Subsidised accommodation</u> is any accommodation that Defence provides a regular payment towards, or provides to you with charges collected through pay.

Q76 How satisfied are you with the following?

No

	Neither Very satisfied nor			Very		
	satisfied	Satisfied	dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	dissatisfied	
a. The ability to live with whom I want to in Defence-subsidised accommodation (e.g. SLA, SFA, private rental sector).	1	2	3	4	5	

Q77 Which of these best sums up your awareness of the Forces Help to Buy Scheme (FHTB)? 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 I've heard of it and know a lot about it

of	the	F
	1	
	2	
	3	
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You can find more information on Forces Help to Buy at the following link: www.gov.uk/forces-help-to-buy

Q78	Have you used Forces Help to Buy (FHTB) in the last year?					
	Yes ¹					
	No 2					
Q79	Are you considering using Forces Help to Buy (FHTB) for a future home purchase? Yes					

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Catering, Retail and Leisure

Q80	Thinking specifically about food and drink supplied on your Unit, when considering where to eat which of these factors are important to you? (Tick all that apply)									
	a. Price.			1						
	b. Value for money.			1						
	c. Choice.									
	d. Quality.			1						
	e. Quantity.			1						
	f. Well known brand.			1						
	g. Where it is sourced from (e.g. Fairtrade, locally proc	duced).		1						
	h. Nutritional value.	1								
	i. Dietary requirements (e.g. vegetarian, vegan, food allergies, religious).			1						
	j. Access (e.g. opening times, timings).	ccess (e.g. opening times, timings).								
	k. Other (please specify in the text box below):									
Q81	How often do you use Service-provided cater	r ing facilit i Always	ies? Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	N/A			
	a. For eating at breakfast.		2	3	4	5	6			
	b. For eating at lunchtime.	1	2	3	4	5	6			
	c. For eating in the evening.	1	2	3	4	5	6			
	d. For drinking, socialising in the bar.	1	2	3	4	5	6			
	e. For informal functions.	1	2	3	4	5	6			
	f. For formal functions (Officers/SNCOs/WOs only).	1	2	3	4	5	6			
Q82	How satisfied are you with the following?									
		Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	N/A			
	a. The availability of food during the week on my Unit (e.g. opening hours).						6			
	b. The number of functions during the year.	1	2	3	4	5	6			
	c. The standard of service from catering contractors on my Unit.	1	2	3	4	5	6			
	Your Far	nily Li	fe							
Q83	What is your current personal status? Single (never married or formed a civil partnership)		Г		se go to Q85					
	In a long term/established relationship (but not married or in a civil partnership)			2						
	Married/In a civil partnership		Γ	3						
	Separated, but still legally married or in a civil partners	ship	Γ	⁴ Pleas	se go to Q85					
	Divorced/Formerly in a civil partnership which is now l	egally disso	lved	_]⁵ Pleas	se go to Q85					

Widowed/The surviving partner from a civil partnership

Prefer not to say

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Please go to Q85

Please go to Q85

Q84	What is your spouse/partner's current employment situation? (Tick one box only) In the Armed Forces
	In full-time paid employment/full-time self-employment (other than Armed Forces)
	In part-time paid employment/part-time self-employment
	In voluntary (unpaid) employment
	Not employed (for any reason)
	In full-time or part-time education
	
Q85	Do you have any children whom you support financially? Yes
	No Please go to Q90
Q86	If YES, how many children do you have in each age group? (<i>Please write the number of children for each category in each box, e.g. "3", or if you do not have children in a category please insert "0".</i>)
	Under 5 years
	Between 5 and 17 years
	3
	18 years and over
Q87	Do any of your children live with you? (Tick one box only).
	Yes 1
	Weekends/holidays only
	No Please go to Q90
	N/A Please go to Q90
Q88	If you have a child or children living with you, do you consider yourself to be a lone/single parent? Yes 1^{1} No 2^{2} N/A 3^{3}
Q89	If you require childcare, how satisfied are you with accessibility to childcare facilities?
	Neither
	Very satisfied nor Very satisfied Satisfied dissatisfied dissatisfied N/A
Q90	Do you have caring responsibilities for infirm or elderly adult(s)?
	Yes ¹ No ²
-	Navy would like to understand how Service life affects personal finance. The information could ining and policy.
Q91	If you have been declined credit in the last 12 months, what was the reason for this?
	(Tick all that apply). If you have not been declined credit in the last 12 months, please move on to Q92.
	a. Failed credit check
	b. Lack of UK credit history
	c. Too many address moves
	d. Don't know
	e. Prefer not to say
	f. Other reason (please specify in the text box below):

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	Being Part	of Society		
Q93	Are you currently registered to vote? Yes No Don't know		1 2 3	Please go to Q94 Please go to Q95 Please go to Q96
You can r	egister to vote at the following link: www.gov.uk	/register-to-vote		
Q94	If you are currently registered to vote, are you	registered as?	(Tick o	ne box only).
	An ordinary/residential voter - registered for one year, usually via the annual update of voters (annual canvas	ss)	1	Please go to Q96
	A Service voter - registered for five years, via a Service	e declaration	2	Please go to Q96
	An overseas voter - registered for one year, in the sam non-Forces British citizen living overseas.	ie way as a	3	Please go to Q96
Q95	If you are not currently registered to vote, what I did not receive an electoral registration form	at is the main reas	son for	this? (Tick one box only)
	I have not got around to it, but aim to do it sometime	2		
	I do not know how to register	3		
	I am not interested in politics	4		
	I wish to remain impartial	5		
	Other	6		
	ed Forces Covenant', announced by the Govern e who serve or who have served in the Armed Fo		•	

Q96 Which of these best sums up your awareness of the Armed Forces Covenant?

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	
I've heard of it and know a lot about it	

See the following link - https://www.armedforcescovenant.gov.uk - for more information.

Q97 Which, if any, of the following areas do you feel advantaged or disadvantaged as a Service person, compared to the general public?

	Strongly advantaged	Advantaged	Neither advantaged nor disadvantaged	Disadvantaged	Strongly disadvantaged	Don't know/ d N/A
a. Family's access to NHS care.		\square^2	3	4	5	6
b. Children's Education.	1	2	3	4	5	6
c. Housing.	1	2	3	4	5	6
d. Family life.	1	2	3	4	5	6
e. Benefits.	1	2	3	4	5	6
f. Tax.	1	2	3	4	5	6
g. Commercial Products and Services (e.g. Home and Car Insurance, Telephone/Media Packages, Access to Credit).	1	2	3	4	5	6

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	h. HM Forces and Veterans-specific financial advice and discounts (e.g. Money Force, Defence Discount Service, Defence Privilege Cards and Joining Forces (Credit Unions)).	Strongly advantaged	Advantaged	Neither advantaged nor disadvantaged 3	Disadvantaged	Strongly disadvantaged 5	Don't know/ d N/A
	i. Participation as Citizens (e.g. contacting a local councillor, MP or other public official, attending a public meeting, rally or signing a petition).	1	2	3	4	5	6
	j. Other (please specify in the text box below):	1	2	3	4	5	6
Q98	How strongly do you agree or disagree with	the followi	ng?	Neither			
		Strongly agree	Agree	agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
	a. I offer an important service to the country.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	b. Members of the Armed Forces are valued by society at large.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Your Bac	ckgrou	nd				
Q99	Have you ever been a member of a Service C Air Training Corps/Combined Cadet Force)? Yes				rmy Cadet	Force/	
	No		Please go Please go				
			T lease ge				
Q100	If YES, were you a member of the: (Tick all th a. Sea Cadet Corps (SCC)?	iat apply)					
	b. Army Cadet Force (ACF)?						
	c. Air Training Corps (ATC)?						
	d. Combined Cadet Force RN (CCF RN)?						
	e. Combined Cadet Force Army (CCF Army)?						
	f. Combined Cadet Force RAF (CCF RAF)?						
	Taking Action and	d Your	Comn	nents			
Q101	How strongly do you agree or disagree with	the followi	ng?				
		Strongly		Neither agree nor		Strongly	Don't
	a. I believe the leaders in the RM will take action on the results of AFCAS.	agree	Agree	disagree	Disagree	disagree	know
	b. I think effective action has been taken in the RM on the results of AFCAS.	1	2	3	4	5	6
Q102	How strongly do you agree or disagree with	the followi	ng?				
	I believe the leaders in the RM are committed to creating a diverse and inclusive workplace.	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree ³	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know

Thank you for completing this survey.

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ARMED FORCES CONTINUOUS ATTITUDE SURVEY 2024 YOUR VIEWS COUNT

What is **Army Life** like for you?

AFCAS gives you the chance to contribute your perspective on Army life and your personal experience.

The collected data is an excellent chance to offer Senior Leadership with a consistent statistical foundation that can be leveraged to effect change.

Your input is valuable, and I look forward to engaging with those topics that are most important to you.

Major General Samuel Humphris Director Personnel (DPers)





PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

Armed Forces Continuous Attitude Survey (AFCAS): Army

This survey is available for you to complete online. The **Token** you are asked to enter is your Service Number (this is case sensitive e.g. AB01234C).

If you are accessing the survey via a **MOD computer** e.g. a MODNET or DII computer, please visit the following internal webpage:

http://bravo.dasa.r.mil.uk/limesurvey/index.php/985528

Alternatively, if you are accessing the survey using a **non-MOD computer** e.g. personal computer, tablet or mobile phone, please visit the following external webpage:

https://surveys.mod.uk/index.php/985528

Completing the survey electronically is the quickest and cheapest way for you to send us your views. You may find the first, internal link is quicker to load the survey than the second, external link.

Please only complete one version of the survey.

This survey asks about your views of Army life, including working and living conditions, and other key aspects of day-to-day life, which should take about 30 minutes to complete. There is space at the end of the survey for any comments you wish to make.

Before you decide whether to participate, it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and feel free to ask us if you would like more information or if there is anything that you do not understand. The number of participants invited and ranks chosen to take part in the survey have been picked to give a fair set of views of Army Personnel – so your input is valuable.

The survey is run by Defence Statistics (Surveys) in the Analysis Directorate, and Civilians outside your Chain of Command. This research is approved by the MoD Research Ethics Committee (MoDREC). If you would like further details, contact the researcher listed at the end of this sheet.

Your replies will be treated in the strictest confidence and no one from your Chain of Command will see your completed survey. To make sure your views remain confidential, only grouped answers will be reported. Completed paper surveys are stored securely and destroyed after three months; electronic responses will be kept indefinitely. You can read the reports too¹.

The researchers will link your responses to JPA to provide some information, such as your Branch or Trade, gender, age, national identity, rank, enlistment date, contract type, and voluntary outflow status, so that we don't have to ask you these questions in the survey. If you are not happy for your JPA data to be used in this way, please contact the researcher whose details are over the page. Please note that if you deny permission for both the JPA information and your rank and Service information to be linked to your survey responses, your responses cannot be used for analysis, and you are advised not to complete the survey.

The data controller for this project will be Defence Statistics. The Data Protection Officer oversees the processing of personal data, and can be contacted at: <u>Andy.Dorman415@mod.gov.uk</u>.

UK data protection law is regulated by the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). If you are concerned about how your personal data is being processed you may wish to submit a complaint to them. Contact details, and details of data subject rights are available on the ICO website at: https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/data-protection-reform/overview-of-the-gdpr/individuals-rights/

¹ Armed Forces Continuous Attitude Survey reports are publicly available via:

https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/armed-forces-continuous-attitude-survey-index. The report of the findings of the 2024 AFCAS survey is provisionally due to be released in May 2024.

You do not have to take part in this survey and choosing not to take part will not disadvantage you in any way. By completing and returning the survey you are agreeing to take part in the research.

Please do not remove or destroy the barcode printed on the back of the survey. Your response cannot be used without it.

Please complete the survey as soon as you can and return it in the envelope provided. **Responses must** reach us by 5th February 2024 in order to be included. Please allow sufficient time for postage.

Frequently asked questions:

Q. What is the purpose of the survey?

A. "The annual Armed Forces Continuous Attitude Survey (AFCAS) is one of the main ways the Department gathers information on the views and experiences of Armed Forces personnel. It is used to inform important work on pay and policy - such as engagement with the Armed Forces Pay Review Body (AFPRB) and to prioritise delivery of changes to personnel policy such as those recommended in the Haythornthwaite Review. Whilst I know that change often feels too slow and that there are many aspects of your Service that you might find frustrating, please be reassured that this survey provides you the opportunity to directly influence the decisions made by our policy makers on areas that impact your lives. By spending time completing this survey, you will help shape a modern Defence which better meets the needs of our people." – VAdm Phil Hally CB MBE (CDP)

Q. How is the information used?

A. The results are used to help make decisions on leave, pay, housing, career, recruiting methods, health and well-being, and other issues. Information is, for instance, given to the Armed Forces Pay Review Body, who report on Armed Forces pay, allowances and entitlements.

Q. Why have I been invited to complete this survey?

A. We have randomly selected a representative sample of Service personnel. Please do not send this survey on to people who have not been invited to take part.

Q. Do I have to complete the survey?

A. No, you can choose not to, the survey is entirely voluntary.

Q. What will I be asked to do?

A. You will be asked to answer several questions which you can choose to complete online or on paper. <u>Please only complete one version of the survey</u>. Completing the survey takes approximately 30 minutes. A link to complete the survey online has already been sent to you via your '@mod.gov.uk' email address.

Q. Will taking part or not taking part affect my Service career?

A. No. No one within your Chain of Command will see your responses or data.

Q. Will my records be kept confidential?

A. Your replies will be treated in the strictest confidence and no one from your Chain of Command will see your completed survey. To make sure your views remain confidential, only grouped answers will be reported. Completed paper surveys are stored securely and destroyed after three months; electronic responses will be kept indefinitely.

Q. What are the possible disadvantages and risks of taking part?

A. There are no known disadvantages or risks. However, if taking part in this survey upsets you, or you wish to talk about any personal issues further, please speak to your Unit Welfare Officer, Padre/Chaplain or another religious representative or seek guidance from the Army support helpline: 0306 7704 656 (Civ) or 96770 4656 (Mil) or email: <u>Army-SpeakOut@mod.gov.uk</u>

Q. I have already completed the survey online, do I need to complete the paper version?

A. Thank you! Ignore this document as you have chosen the most effective way in which to register your views.

Q. What if I want to make a complaint?

A. Complaints about the survey should be addressed to Alexander Zammit, <u>Alexander.Zammit100@mod.gov.uk</u>, 07971 770576.

For further information: Contact Civil Service researcher Nashaan Robinson at Army Pers Strat, Army Personnel Research Capability, Army HQ on:

0300 159 3719 or ArmyPers-Strat-APRC-Survey@mod.gov.uk

This study complies, and at all times will comply, with the Declaration of Helsinki² as adopted at the 64th WMA General Assembly at Fortaleza, Brazil in October 2013.

Please turn the page for the 2024 Armed Forces Continuous Attitude Survey (AFCAS): Army.

² World Medical Association Declaration of Helsinki [revised October 2013]. Recommendations Guiding Medical Doctors in Biomedical Research Involving Human Subjects. 64th WMA General Assembly, Fortaleza (Brazil).

Armed Forces Continuous Attitude Survey 2024

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You may have recently received an AFCAS email inviting you to complete the online version of this survey. If you have already completed the online version of this 2024 AFCAS survey then please ignore this paper copy.

Please fill in this survey as fully and honestly as you can.

Please **read all instructions** carefully before answering a question and follow any **routing instruction** after answering a question. A few questions will require a written answer - please write clearly in **BLOCK CAPITALS**.

> Once completed please return the survey to: Civica Engagement Solutions, 33 Clarendon Road, London, N8 0NW using the prepaid envelope provided.

Responses must reach us by 5th February 2024 in order to be included in the survey.

If you wish to complete AFCAS online instead, please see details at the top of the Participant Information Sheet at the front of the booklet. Please only complete one version of the survey.

Your Pay

To compensate for differences in lifestyle, working conditions and expectations between Service personnel and their civilian equivalents, Service salaries are increased by 14.5% (for the majority of personnel). We call this the 'X-Factor'.

Q1 How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following?

a. The X-Factor in my salary is enough compensation for Service lifestyle, working conditions and expectations.	Strongly agree	Agree	agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
b. The pay and benefits I receive are fair for the work I do.	1	2	3	4	5

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Q2 How satisfied are you with the following? Neither Very satisfied nor Very satisfied Satisfied dissatisfied Dissatisfied dissatisfied 1 2 3 4 5 a. My rate of basic pay (basic pay includes X-Factor, but excludes Recruitment and Retention Payment (RRP) and any allowances). b. My pension benefits. c. Information about pay and allowances (e.g. from the intranet, DINs and Directed Letters). d. My ability to access JPA. N/A 5 6 e. My allowances (e.g. Longer Separation Allowance (LSA), Get You Home (GYH), Continuity of Education Allowance (CEA), Local Overseas Allowance (LOA), and Food and Incidentals Allowance (FIA)). Q3 In the last 12 months, have you been in receipt of a Recruitment and Retention Payment (RRP)? 2 ٦ Yes - Please go to Q4 No - Please go to Q5 Q4 How satisfied are you with the following? Neither Very satisfied nor Very Satisfied Dissatisfied dissatisfied satisfied dissatisfied 2 3 5 My Recruitment and Retention Payment (RRP). Your Work Q5 How satisfied are you with Army life in general? Neither

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		satisfied	Satisfied	dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	dissatisfied
		1	2	3	4	5
Q6	How would you rate the level of morale of					
		Very		Neither		Very
		high	High	high nor low	Low	Low
	a. Myself.		2	3	4	5
	b. My Unit.	1	2	3	4	5
	c. The Army as a whole.	1	2	3	4	5
Q7	How satisfied are you with the following asp	pects of you	ur current j	ob?		
				Neither		
		Very		satisfied nor		Very
		satisfied	Satisfied	dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	dissatisfied
	a. My job in general.	1	2	3	4	5
	b. The sense of achievement I get from my work.	1	2	3	4	5
	c. The challenge in my job.	1	2	3	4	5
	d. The amount of variety in my work.	1	2	3	4	5

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e. My current work location.

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	N/A
a. My superiors do not interfere excessively in my work activities.	1	2	3	4	5	6
b. I am given sufficient authority to make decisions.	1	2	3	4	5	6
c. If I make a genuine mistake at work, I do not feel that it will be held against me.	1	2	3	4	5	6
d. Where I work people do not automatically look for someone to blame when things go wrong.	1	2	3	4	5	6
e. I am encouraged to find better ways of doing things at work.	1	2	3	4	5	6
f. When I am set a task at work, I understand clearly what output is required.	1	2	3	4	5	6
g. I have a choice in deciding how I do my work.	1	2	3	4	5	6
h. I know that if I do my job well I will be praised or recognised.	1	2	3	4	5	6

Resources and Workload

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How satisfied are you with the following?

	a. The standard of personal equipment/kit I have to do my job (e.g. clothes, boots, personal weapon).	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
	b. The availability of personal equipment/kit I have to do my job.	1	2	3	4	5
	c. The standard of major equipment (e.g. vehicles and systems) I have to do my job.	1	2	3	4	5
	d. The availability of major equipment I have to do my job.	1	2	3	4	5
Q10 How would you rate your workload over the last 12 months?						
		Much too high	Too high	About right	Too low	Much too low
Q11	How satisfied are you with the following?					
	a. The training facilities/training estate I have used in the last year.	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
	b. The facilities in my barracks.	1	2	3	4	5
	c. The facilities on my base.		2	3	4	5

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Your Career

Career Management is about ensuring the Army has the right people, with the right knowledge, skills and experience (KSE), in the right place, at the right time to ensure success. It is also about matching the aspirations of our people to their potential and ability.

Q12 Overall how satisfied are you with the way your career is being managed?



Q13 Overall how satisfied are you with the career management service provided by the Army Personnel Centre?



Neither

Please provide details of your responses to the above questions (Q12 & Q13) in the free-text comment box at the end of this survey (Q102).

Q14 In terms of your current assignment, how strongly do you agree or disagree with the following?

a. I have the knowledge, skills and experience to do my job.	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
 b. My knowledge, skills and experience are being used. 	1	2	3	4	5
c. The assignment provides development opportunities that will enhance my promotion prospects.	1	2	3	4	5
d. My personal preferences were taken into account.	1	2	3	4	5

Q15 How satisfied are you with the following?

Very unimportant

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	Very		satisfied nor		Very
	satisfied	Satisfied	dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	dissatisfied
a. The notice I received for my current/last assignment.	1	2	3	4	5
b. Involvement in decisions that affect my career.	1	2	3	4	5
c. The fairness of the appraisal system.	1	2	3	4	5
d. The fairness of the promotion system.	1	2	3	4	5
e. My opportunities for promotion.	1	2	3	4	5
f. My opportunities for further service.	1	2	3	4	5
How important is promotion to your satisfaction	on with y	our Servic	e career at	the presen	t time?
Very important	1				
Fairly important	2				
Neither important nor unimportant	3				
Fairly unimportant	4				

Your Line Management

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your immediate superior Q17 (Service or Civilian)?

			Neither			_
	Strongly agree	Agree	agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
a. Understands and represents my interests.						
b. Supports me in my job.	1	2	3	4	5	6
c. Sets a positive example.	1	2	3	4	5	6
d. Encourages me to develop my skills.	1	2	3	4	5	6
e. Is supportive over work/life balance issues.	1	2	3	4	5	6
f. Provides regular feedback on my performance.	1	2	3	4	5	6
g. Tells me what's going on at work.	1	2	3	4	5	6
h. Is someone I trust.	1	2	3	4	5	6
 i. Helps me to understand how I contribute to Army objectives. 	1	2	3	4	5	6
j. Helps me to understand how major change decisions will affect me.	1	2	3	4	5	6
k. Works well with personnel from different backgrounds.	1	2	3	4	5	6
 I am satisfied with the leadership provided by my immediate supervisor. 	1	2	3	4	5	6

Senior Leadership

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the senior leaders of the Q18 Army (i.e. Brigadier and above)?

			Neither				
	Strongly		agree nor		Strongly	Don't	
	agree	Agree	disagree	Disagree	disagree	know	
a. They understand and represent my interests.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
b. They are keen to listen to Service people's feedbac	k. 1	2	3	4	5	6	
c. They champion the Army's interests in Tri-Service issues.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
d. They communicate decisions to personnel.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
e. They understand the impact of change on personnel.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
f. I have confidence in the leadership of the Army.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Commitment							

Neither

agree nor

disagree

Disagree

Agree

Strongly

disagree

Q19

Strongly agree

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following?

a. In the last 12 months, I have fulfilled my commitments/promises to the Army.	1	2	3	4	5
b. In the last 12 months, the Army has fulfilled its commitments/promises to me.	1	2	3	4	5
c. I am proud to be in the Army.	1	2	3	4	5
d. I am valued by the Army.	1	2	3	4	5
e. I would recommend joining the Army to others.	1	2	3	4	5
f. I feel a strong personal attachment to the Army.	1	2	3	4	5

Strongly

disagree

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Disagree

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	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
g. I feel a strong personal attachment to my Unit.		2	3	4	5
h. The Army inspires me to do the best in my job.		2	3	4	5
i. The Army motivates me to help it achieve its objectives.	1	2	3	4	5 N/A
j. My family is proud of me serving in the Armed Forces.	1	2	3	4	5 6
k. My family benefits from being a Service family.		2	3	4	5 6
I. My family supports my career in the Army.		2	3	4	5 6

Strongly

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Neither

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Neither

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Ethos is that spirit which inspires soldiers to fight. It derives from, and depends upon, the high degrees of commitment, self-sacrifice and mutual trust, which together are so essential to the maintenance of morale.

Q20 How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following?

The ethos of the Army is an important part of life in the Army.

Working with Others

Q21 In considering your immediate working team, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following?

		Strongly		agree nor		Strongly
		agree	Agree	disagree	Disagree	disagree
	a. My team know exactly what their responsibilities are	e.	2	3	4	5
	b. The people in my team can be relied upon to help when things get difficult in my job.	1	2	3	4	5
	c. We have confidence in ourselves as a team.	1	2	3	4	5
	d. The people in my team work together to find ways to improve the service we provide.	1	2	3	4	5
	e. Team members work well with personnel from different backgrounds.	1	2	3	4	5
Q22	Have you had working contact with any of the IF NONE APPLY PLEASE GO TO Q25	following	in the <u>las</u> t	<u>t two years</u>	? (Tick all	that apply)
	a. Armed Forces Reserves.	1				
	b. MOD Civil Servants.	1				
	c. MOD contractors.	1				
Q23	In your experience, how would you rate the co	ontributior	n to the Ar	my of…		
		Very valuable	Valuable	Not very valuable	Not at all valuable	Don't know/ N/A
	a. Armed Forces Reserves.	1	2	3	4	5
	b. MOD Civil Servants.	1	2	3	4	5
	c. MOD contractors.	1	2	3	4	5
Q24	In your experience, how well integrated into the	he Army a	re			
		Very well	Well	Not very well	Not at all well	Don't know/ N/A
	a. Armed Forces Reserves.			3	4	5
	b. MOD Civil Servants.		2	3		5
	c. MOD contractors.		2 2	3	4	5

Change

Q25

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
a. Change is managed well in my immediate working team.	1	2	3	4	5	6
b. Change is managed well in my Unit/Establishment.	$\begin{bmatrix} 1\\ \\ \end{bmatrix}$	2	3	4	5	
c. Change is managed well in the Army.			Ĺ		ĹĽ	

Your Deployments

For the purpose of this survey, operational deployments should be considered as a period overseas (unaccompanied by family) with an operational title (e.g. Op BLANK), responding to any form of threat (such as environmental factors or hostile forces). Such operations may be in support of either UN, NATO or a UK activity.

If you have NOT been on an operational deployment since 1 Jan 2021, please go to Q30

Q26 With regards to your current/last operational deployment, were you deployed individually or as part of a Unit?
Individually 1 As part of a Unit 2

Q27 With regards to your current/last operational deployment, how satisfied are you with the following?

a. Non-operational allowances (e.g. LSA, GYH(T), residual unaccompanied rate of LOA).	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	N/A
 b. Operational allowances (e.g. Overseas Assistance, Concessionary travel for immediate families, Unpleasant work allowance, Unpleasant living allowance etc.). 	1	2	3	4	5	6
c. The deployment notice.	1	2	3	4	5	6
d. The pre-deployment training.	1	²	3	4	5	
e. That the equipment I used during training was the same as that used on operations.	1	2	3	4	5	6
f. The personal kit and equipment I received for use on operations.	1	2	3	4	5	6
g. The major equipment (e.g. vehicles and systems) I used on operations.	1	2	3	4	5	6
h. The welfare support I received from the Army when I returned from operational deployment.	1	2	3	4	5	6
 The welfare support that my family, partner and/or parents received from the Army when I returned from operational deployment. 	1	2	3	4	5	6
j. The decompression and post operational tour support I received when I returned from operational deployment.	1	2	3	4	5	6
k. The Post Operational Stress Management that I received when I returned from operational deployment.	1	2	3	4	5	6
I. The operational role I was assigned to.	1	2	3	4	5	6

Q28 What is your view of the following regarding your experience of operational deployments?

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a . The frequency of my operational deployments.		2
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b. The length of my operational deployments.

Q29 How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following?

	Strongly agree	Agree	agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	N/A
Rest and recuperation (R&R) provides me with sufficient time to rest to sustain operational effectiveness.		2	3	4	5	6

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Not often enough

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Neither

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Training and Development

Q30	How satisfied are	you with the	following?
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a. My opportunities for professional development.

b. My opportunities for personal development.

c. The timing of the training I have received in order to carry out my current job roles.

d. The extent to which I am doing the job for which I was trained.

e. My opportunities to gain civilian accreditation for Service training (e.g. NVQs, apprenticeships).

Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
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1	2	3	4	5
1	2	3	4	5

Your Future Plans

What are your plans for the future? (Tick one To stay serving as long as I can	box only).	[] ¹
To stay serving to the end of my current engagement/c	ommission	2
To leave the Army before the end of my current engage	ement/commission	3
To leave the Army as soon as I can		4
I have put in my notice to leave		5
N/A / Don't know		6
(Please write the number of years in the boxes	s e.g. if you plan t	o serve 5 years in the Army, please
How actively have you searched for a job outs	side the Army in th	ne last 12 months?
Very actively	Not very actively	3
Quite actively	Not at all	4
F 11 (1)	Yes No	Don't know
b. Part-time.		
	To stay serving as long as I can To stay serving to the end of my current engagement/o To leave the Army before the end of my current engage To leave the Army as soon as I can I have put in my notice to leave N/A / Don't know For how many more years do you plan on serv (Please write the number of years in the boxes write '0' in the first box and '5' in the second b U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U	To stay serving to the end of my current engagement/commission To leave the Army before the end of my current engagement/commission To leave the Army as soon as I can I have put in my notice to leave N/A / Don't know For how many more years do you plan on serving in the Army? (Please write the number of years in the boxes e.g. if you plan t write '0' in the first box and '5' in the second box. Leave blank if Quite actively have you searched for a job outside the Army in th Very actively 1 Not very actively Quite actively 2 Not at all When you leave the Army, would you consider joining the Volunteer a. Full-time. Yes

Q36

How do the following factors impact on your intention to stay or leave the Army?

	Strongly increases my intention to stay	Increases my intention to stay	Has no effect on my intention to stay or leave	Increases my intention to leave	Strongly increases my intention to leave
a. Impact of Army life on family and personal life.		2	3	4	5
b. Opportunities outside the Army.		2	3	4	5
c. Current job satisfaction.		2	3	4	5
d. Job security.		2	3	4	5
e. My morale.		2	3	4	5
f. Service morale.		2	3	4	5
g. Amount of pay.		2	3	4	5
h. Amount of allowances.		2	3	4	5
i. Opportunities for career development.		2	3	4	5
j. Opportunities for personal development.	1	2	3	4	5
k. Opportunities for sport.		2	3	4	5
I. Opportunities for Adventurous Training.		2	3	4	5
m. Promotion prospects.	1	2	3	4	5
n. Healthcare provision.	1	2	3	4	5
o. Dental provision.		2	3	4	5
p. Mental health provision.	1	2	3	4	5
q. Pension.	1	2	3	4	5
r. Opportunities for flexible working conditions.	1	2	3	4	5
s. Excitement of the job.	1	2	3	4	5
t. Opportunities for operational deployment.	1	2	3	4	5
u. Work/life balance.	1	2	3	4	5
v. Financial Incentives to remain in the Army (in addition to pay and allowances).	1	2	3	4	
w Spouse/partner's career.	1	2	3	4	5 6
x. Childcare.	1	2	3	4	5 6
y. Accommodation provision.	1	2	3	4	5 6
z. Armed Forces House Purchase Incentive Scheme (i.e. Forces Help to Buy Scheme)		2	3	4	5 6
aa. Other (if applicable, please specify in the text box	below):				

the box provided).						
Most important reason for leaving		Second most importai reason for leaving	nt 2		l most import on for leaving	1 1
How would having the	following ont	ions impact on voi	r intentior	to stay or	leave the A	Armv?
	, ionowing opt	iono impuot on yot		i to otay of	iouvo tiio /	·····y ·
		Strongly increases my intention	Increases my intention	Has no effect on my intention to	Increases my intention to leave	Strongly increases my intention to leave
a. Opportunities to work pa		Strongly increases	Increases	Has no effect on my	Increases my intention	Strongly increases my intention

Q38

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Fairness at Work

The Army aims to achieve an environment free from harassment, bullying, intimidation and unlawful discrimination, in which every individual has an equal opportunity and encouragement to realise their full potential.

Q39 How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement regarding fairness and equality in the Army?

			Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
	I am treated fairly at v	vork.	1	2	3	4	5
Q40	Do you feel that th	ne Army discipline s	ystem is?				
	Very fair		Unfair	4			
	Fair	2	Very unfair	5			
	Neither fair nor unfair	3					

<u>Bullying</u> may be characterised as offensive, intimidating, malicious or insulting behaviour, and abuse of or misuse of power through means intended to undermine, humiliate, denigrate or injure the recipient.

<u>Discrimination</u> can occur when a person is treated less favourably because of race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, pregnancy or maternity, marriage or civil partnership, gender reassignment, age or disability. Discrimination can also occur where a policy or practice which applies to everyone unreasonably disadvantages a person on the basis of the characteristics mentioned above.

<u>Harassment</u> includes unwanted conduct which is related to the characteristics mentioned above and is intended to or has the effect of violating another's dignity or creating a hostile, degrading, humiliating or offensive environment.

Please note that the data gathered is strictly for research purposes only. You are advised not to name any individuals in your response. No action will be taken on this, and you are instead advised to seek guidance from the support helpline: 0306 7704656 (civ) or 96770 4656 (mil) or email: Army-SpeakOut@mod.gov.uk. Alternatively, please contact the Defence Bullying, Harassment and Discrimination helpline on 0800 014 2381.

Q41 Do you believe you have been subject to any of the following in a Service environment in the last 12 months? (Tick all that apply).

a. Bullying	1	
b. Discrimination		
c. Harassment		
d. None of the above	1	Please go to Q44

If you believe you have been subject to <u>bullying</u> in a Service environment in the last 12 months, please specify on what grounds in the text box below:

Q43

If you believe that you have been subject to <u>discrimination or harassment</u> in a Service environment in the last 12 months, please specify on what grounds:

	Discrimination	Harassment
a. Gender.	1	2
b. Gender reassignment.	1	2
c. Race, colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin.	1	2
d. Marriage/civil partnership.	1	2
e. Religion or beliefs.	1	2
f. Sexual orientation.	1	2
g. Age.	1	2
h. Disability.	1	2
i. Pregnancy or maternity.	1	2

<u>Sexual harassment</u> is defined as verbal, non-verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature that is unwanted, degrading, offensive or humiliating for the recipient. Such conduct includes, but is not limited to: unwelcome sexual advances, unwanted sexual attention, requests for sexual favours, or verbal, online or physical acts or gestures of a sexual nature. It can be experienced by anyone regardless of age or gender.

Do you believe you have been subject to sexual harassment in a Service environment in the last 12 Q44 months? Yes No Q45 Did you make a formal written complaint within the last 12 months about this discrimination, harassment and/or bullying? Yes Please go to Q46 No Please go to Q47 N/A Please go to Q48 If you DID MAKE a formal written complaint, how satisfied were/are you with the following aspects of Q46 your complaint? Neither Very satisfied nor Very Satisfied Dissatisfied satisfied dissatisfied dissatisfied N/A a. The objectivity and fairness with which my complaint was handled/is being handled. b. The amount of time taken/it is taking to resolve my complaint. c. How well I was/am being kept informed about the progress of my complaint. d. The support provided by my Assisting Officer. e. The outcome of my complaint. Q47 If you did NOT make a formal written complaint, why was this? (Tick all that apply) a. I was not aware of the Service Complaints process.

b. I considered the incident(s) to be too minor to report.

c. The incident(s) was/were resolved informally.

d. The incident(s) was/were resolved through mediation.	1
e. I did not believe anything would be done if I did complain.	1
f. I did not want to go through the complaints procedure.	1
g. I believed it might adversely affect my career.	1
h. I believed it might adversely affect another work colleague or the working environment	. 1
i. I was worried that there would be recriminations from the perpetrators.	1
j. I was discouraged from doing so.	1
k. Other reason(s) - (please specify in the text box below):	1

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Q48 Which of these best sums up your awareness of the Service Complaints Process?

2 3 4

I've heard of it but know nothing about it	
I've heard of it and know a little about it	
I've heard of it and know a lot about it	\square

Q49 Which of these best sums up your awareness of the Service Complaints <u>Ombudsman</u>?

I've never heard of it	
I've heard of it but know nothing about it	2
I've heard of it and know a little about it	3
I've heard of it and know a lot about it	4

Information about the Service Complaints Process can be found on the following link: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/jsp-831-redress-of-individual-grievances-service-complaints

Information about the Service Complaints Ombudsman can be found on the following link: https://www.scoaf.org.uk

	Your Work-	Life Ba	lance				
Q50	In the past 12 months approximately how m spouse/partner or children) for Service reas		ave you sp	pent away fi	rom your fa	amily (e.g.	
	Not been away	Between 7-9	months (27-3	9 weeks)	5		
	Up to 1 month (4 weeks)	Between 10-	12 months (40	0-52 weeks)	6		
	Between 1-3 months (5-13 weeks)	N/A		[7		
	Between 4-6 months (14-26 weeks)						
Q51	In the past 12 months, how satisfied were yo	ou with the	following	?			
		Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	
	a. The ability to plan my own life - short term (e.g. work/weekend leave).	1	2	3	4	5	
	b. The ability to plan my own life - long term (e.g. holidays/career training).	1	2	3	4	5	
	c. The opportunity for me to work flexibly (e.g. variable start/finish times, Compressed Hours, Working from home).	1	2	3	4	5	

		Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	N/A
	d. The amount of time away from my usual place of duty.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	e. The amount of time away from my family and friends.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	f. The effect of Service life on my children's education.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	g. The effect of Service life on my spouse/partner's career.	1	2	3	4	5	6
Q52	How strongly do you agree or disagree with the	he followii	ng?	N 1 - 14 h - 11			
		Strongly		Neither agree nor	5	Strongly	
	l am able to maintain a balance between my personal and working life.	agree	Agree	disagree	Disagree	disagree	
Q53	Do you think you are able to deliver your outp and remote working)?	outs throu	gh hybrid	working (a	blend of lo	cation-bas	ed
	Yes, completely	1					
	Yes, to some extent	2					
	No	3					
Only answ (if not, go t	er the following questions (Q54 to Q55) if you h to Q56)	ave been	on a state	e of readine	ss in the la	st 12 mont	hs
Q54	How satisfied were/are you with the following	?					
		Very		Neither satisfied nor		Very	
	The impact of my state of readiness on my domestic/personal life.	satisfied	Satisfied	dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	dissatisfied	
Q55	How strongly do you agree or disagree with the	he followii	ng?				
		Strongly		Neither agree nor		Strongly	
		agree	Agree	disagree	Disagree	disagree	
	a. My state of readiness was/is justified.						N1/A
	b. The NTM (Notice to Move) that I received was in accordance with my state of readiness.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
	Your L	eave					
Q56	How satisfied are you with the following?						
		Very		Neither satisfied nor		Very	
		satisfied	Satisfied	dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	dissatisfied	
	 a. My overall leave allowance i.e. annual leave, post operational leave (POL), leave carried over from previous years. 						
	b. The opportunity to take leave when I want to.	1	2	3	4	5	
	c. The amount of leave I was able to take in the last 12 months.	1	2	3	4	5	
Q57	If you did not take all of your annual leave allo for this? (Tick all that apply)	owance wi	thin the la	ist leave ye	ar, what wa	as the reaso	on
	a. Operational tour.						
	b. Not allowed.						
	c. Courses/training	1					

c. Courses/training.

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	d. Workload.	1				
	e. Understaffing.					
	f. I wanted to carry days over to the next leave year.					
	g. Other (please specify in the text box below):					
	Your Health a	nd Well	l-being	3		
Q58	If you have received Service-provided <u>medica</u> years, how satisfied were you with:	al treatment	t (includir	ng mental h	ealthcare)	in the last 2
		Very		Neither satisfied nor		Very
		satisfied	Satisfied	dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	dissatisfied N/A
	a. Being able to access the medical care when I needed it.	1	2	3	4	5 6
	b. The medical treatment.	1	2	3	4	5 6
Q59	If you have received Service-provided <u>dental</u> with:	treatment i	n the last	-	ow satisfied	l were you
		Very		Neither satisfied nor		Very
		satisfied	Satisfied	dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	dissatisfied N/A
	a. Being able to access the dental care when I needed it.			3		
	b. The dental treatment.	1	2	3	4	5 6
-	neasuring national well-being we are intereste estions following are not linked particularly to				-	jeneral with
Q60	Overall, how satisfied are you with your life n	owadays?				
	Not at all		_		Compl	-
		56	7	8	9	10
Q61	Overall, how happy did you feel yesterday?					
	Not at all				Compl	-
		56	7	8	9	10
Q62	Overall, how anxious did you feel yesterday? Not at all				Compl	otoly
		5 6	7	8	9	10
Q63	Overall, to what extent do you feel the things	you do in y	/our life a	re worthwh		otok
	Not at all 0 1 2 3 4	5 6	7	8	Compl 9	etely 10
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Fitness, Sport and Adventurous Training

Q64

How satisfied are you with the following?

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
a. Army sport, exercise and fitness facilities in general.	· [] 1	2	3	4	5
 b. My opportunities to undertake fitness activities (e.g. to meet fitness standards). 	1	2	3	4	5
c. My opportunities to take part in sport.	1	2	3	4	5
d. My opportunities to take part in Adventurous Training.	1	2	3	4	5
e. My opportunities to take part in Force Development Activities.	1	2	3	4	5

Welfare

Very

satisfied

1

Neither

satisfied nor

dissatisfied

3

3

Dissatisfied

4

Satisfied

2

2

2

2

Very

dissatisfied N/A

5

6

6

Q65

65 How satisfied are you with the following?

a. The welfare support provided by the Army for me.

b. The welfare support provided by the Army for my family.

c. The support my spouse/partner gets from the Army when I am absent.

d. The Operational/Deployment Welfare Package.

Q66 How satisfied are you with the following?

	Verv		Neither satisfied nor		Very	Not	Not
	satisfied	Satisfied	dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	dissatisfied	used	heard of
a. My Unit Welfare Officer.		2	3	4	5	6	7
b. The chaplaincy support provided by the Army.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
c. The Army Welfare Service, Personal Support.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
d. The Army Welfare Service, Community Support.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
e. The Army Welfare Service, The HIVE.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
f. The Army Families Federation.		2	3	4	5	6	7

Your Accommodation

Q67 What kind of accommodation do you live in at present during the working week? (Tick one box only)

1	Please go to Q68
2	Please go to Q68
3	Please go to Q68
4	Please go to Q68
5	Please go to Q71
6	Please go to Q69
7	Please go to Q69
8	Please go to Q69
	$ \begin{array}{c} 1\\ 2\\ 3\\ 4\\ 5\\ 6\\ 7\\ 8\\ 8\\ \end{array} $

Q68

Q69

Q70

With regard to your current Service Accommodation, how satisfied are you with the following?

			Neither			N/A
	Very	Cotiofied	satisfied nor	Disastisfied	Very	Don
a. The overall standard.	satisfied	Satisfied	dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	dissatisfied	<i>knov</i>
b. The value for money.			5	4		
c. The response to requests for maintenance/repair o my current accommodation.		2	3	4	5	
d. The quality of maintenance/repair work to my current accommodation.	1	2	3	4	5	
e. How fairly Service Accommodation is allocated.	1	2	3	4	5	\square
f. The accommodation I live in meets my needs.		2	3	4	5	
Do you currently own your own home? Plea or not.	ase answer	this quest	ion whethe	r you live iı	n this prop	perty
Yes		1	Plea	se go to Q71		
No		2	Plea	se go to Q70	I	
No, but I am currently saving up to buy a home in th	e future	3	Plea	se go to Q70	I	
Please indicate whether each of the followin	ng is a reas	on why yo	u do not ov	vn your ow	n home.	
(Tick all that apply)	ng is a reas	on why yo	u do not ov	vn your ow	n home.	
	-	on why yo	u do not ov	vn your ow	n home.	
(Tick all that apply) Once completed, please skip Q71 and Q72. a. I don't want to own a home at this stage in my life b. Living in Service Accommodation is better suited	e/career. to my/	on why yo	u do not ov	vn your ow	n home.	
(Tick all that apply) Once completed, please skip Q71 and Q72. a. I don't want to own a home at this stage in my life b. Living in Service Accommodation is better suited my family's needs at present than home ownership c. I want to be able to move about/move my family v	e/career. to my/ is.	on why yo	u do not ov	vn your ow	n home.	
(Tick all that apply) Once completed, please skip Q71 and Q72. a. I don't want to own a home at this stage in my life b. Living in Service Accommodation is better suited my family's needs at present than home ownership c. I want to be able to move about/move my family w when I am posted.	e/career. to my/ is. with me	on why yo	u do not ov	vn your ow	n home.	
(Tick all that apply) Once completed, please skip Q71 and Q72. a. I don't want to own a home at this stage in my life b. Living in Service Accommodation is better suited my family's needs at present than home ownership c. I want to be able to move about/move my family w when I am posted. d. I don't want to buy a home where I am currently lo	e/career. to my/ is. with me ocated.	on why yo	u do not ov	vn your ow	n home.	
(Tick all that apply) Once completed, please skip Q71 and Q72. a. I don't want to own a home at this stage in my life b. Living in Service Accommodation is better suited my family's needs at present than home ownership c. I want to be able to move about/move my family w when I am posted. d. I don't want to buy a home where I am currently lo e. I can't afford to buy a suitable home at the mome	e/career. to my/ is. with me ocated.	on why yo	u do not ov	vn your ow	n home.	
(Tick all that apply) Once completed, please skip Q71 and Q72.	e/career. to my/ is. with me ocated.	on why yo	u do not ov	vn your ow	n home.	
Q71	Please indicate whether each of the following (Tick all that apply). a. To give stability for myself and my family.		ason why y	/ou bought	your own	home
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	b. The allowances for living in my own home.					
	c. To rent it out.					
	d. Poor standards of SLA or SFA.e. Poor location of SLA or SFA.					
	f. The cost of SLA or SFA.					
	g. I wanted to live with my partner.					
	h. Other (please specify in the text box below):					
Q72	If you currently own a home, how satisfied are	e you with	n the follow	ving? Neither		
		Very satisfied	Satisfied	satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied N/A
	a. The opportunity to live in my own home.					
	b. The allowances for living in my own home.		2	3	4	
lf you do n	ot live in privately rented accommodation durin	g the wo	rking week	, please go	to the nex	t page
Q73	Please indicate whether each of the following accommodation. (Tick all that apply). a. To give stability for myself and my family.	is a reas	on why you	u moved in	to privately	rented
	b. I can't afford to buy a suitable home at the moment.					
	c. The payments and allowances for renting a home.					
	d. Poor standards of SLA or SFA.					
	e. Poor location of SLA or SFA.					
	f. The cost of SLA or SFA.					
	g. SLA or SFA not available at my base.					
	h. I wanted to live with my partner.					
	i. Other (please specify in the text box below):					
Q74	With regard to your privately rented accommo	dation, h	ow satisfie	ed are you	with the fol	lowing?
		Very		Neither satisfied nor		Very
		satisfied	Satisfied	dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	dissatisfied N/A
	a. The opportunity to live in non-Service accommodation		2	3	4	5 6
	b. The accommodation I live in meets my needs.	1	2	3	4	5 6
	c. The value for money.		2	3	4	
	d. How fairly families accommodation is allocated.	1	2	3	4	5 6

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<u>Subsidised accommodation</u> is any accommodation that Defence provides a regular payment towards, or provides to you with charges collected through pay.

Q75 How satisfied are you with the following?

Q/5	How satisfied are you with the following?			N la ith a r		
		Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
	a. The ability to live with whom I want to in Defence-subsidised accommodation (e.g. SLA, SFA, private rental sector).					
Q76	Which of these best sums up your awarer I've never heard of it	ness of the Fo	orces Help	to Buy Sch	eme (FHTE	\$)?
	I've heard of it but know nothing about it	2				
	I've heard of it and know a little about it	3				
	I've heard of it and know a lot about it	4				
You can	find more information on Forces Help to Buy	at the followi	ing link: w	ww.gov.uk/i	forces-help	-to-buy
Q77	Have you used Forces Help to Buy (FHTB Yes) in the last ye	ear?			
	No 2					
Q78	Are you considering using Forces Help to	Buy (FHTB)	for a futur	e home pur	chase?	
	No 2					
	Catering, Re	etail and	Leisur	e		
Q79	Thinking specifically about food and drink	k supplied on	vour Unit	when cons	siderina wh	ere to eat
	which of these factors are important to yo a. Price.		-	,		
	b. Value for money.			1		
	c. Choice.			1		
	d. Quality.			1		
	e. Quantity.			1		
	f. Well known brand.			1		
	g. Where it is sourced from (e.g. Fairtrade, locally	produced).		1		
	h. Nutritional value.			1		
	i. Dietary requirements (e.g. vegetarian, vegan, fo	od allergies, reli	igious).	1		
	j. Access (e.g. opening times, timings).			1		
	k. Other (please specify in the text box below):			1		
Q80	How often do you use Service-provided ca	otoring faciliti	iac?			
QUU	now often do you use Service-provided d	Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never N/A
	a. For eating at breakfast.		2	3	4	5
	b. For eating at lunchtime.	1	2	3	4	5
	c. For eating in the evening.	1	2	3	4	5
	d. For drinking, socialising in the bar.	1	2	3	4	5
	e. For informal functions.	1	2	3	4	5
	f. For formal functions (Officers/SNCOs/WOs on	ly).	2	3	4	5

How satisfied are you with the following?

Q81	How satisfied are you with the following?
	Neither Very satisfied nor Very
	satisfied Satisfied dissatisfied dissatisfied dissatisfied N/A
	a. The availability of food during the week on my Unit $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}^2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}^4 \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}^6$ (e.g. opening hours).
	b. The number of functions during the year. 1 2 3 4 5 6
	c. The standard of service from catering contractors 1^{1} 2^{2} 3^{3} 4^{4} 5^{5} 6^{6} on my Unit.
	Your Family Life
Q82	What is your current personal status?
	Single (never married or formed a civil partnership)
	In a long term/established relationship 2 (but not married or in a civil partnership)
	Married/In a civil partnership
	Separated, but still legally married or in a civil partnership
	Divorced/Formerly in a civil partnership which is now legally dissolved \prod^{5} Please go to Q84
	Widowed/The surviving partner from a civil partnership $\overline{}^6$ Please go to Q84
	Prefer not to say
Q83	What is your spouse/partner's current employment situation? (Tick one box only) In the Armed Forces
	In full-time paid employment/full-time self-employment (other than Armed Forces)
	In part-time paid employment/part-time self-employment
	In voluntary (unpaid) employment
	Not employed (for any reason)
	In full-time or part-time education
Q84	Do you have any children whom you support financially? Yes
	No Please go to Q89
Q85	If YES, how many children do you have in each age group? (<i>Please write the number of children for each category in each box, e.g. "3", or if you do not have children in a category please insert "0".)</i>
	2
	Between 5 and 17 years
	3
	18 years and over
Q86	Do any of your children live with you? (Tick one box only). Yes
	Shared access
	Weekends/holidays only Please go to Q89
	No Please go to Q89
	N/A Decision Please go to Q89
Q87	If you have a child or children living with you, do you consider yourself to be a lone/single parent?
	Yes 1 No 2 N/A 3

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Q88	If you require childcare, how satisfied are you Neither Neither	with accessi	bility to chil	dcare facilities?	
	Very satisfied nor Ve satisfied Satisfied dissatisfied Dissatisfied dissati	•			
	$ \begin{array}{c c} \hline 1 \\ \hline 1 \\ \hline 2 \\ \hline 3 \\ \hline 4 \\ \hline 4 \\ \hline \end{array} $	5 6			
000			-14/->>0		
Q89	Do you have caring responsibilities for infirm Yes 1 No 2	or elderly adi	uit(s) <i>?</i>		
	ny would like to understand how Service life affect and policy.	s personal fir	nance. The i	nformation could imp	rove
Q90	If you have been declined credit in the last 12 (Tick all that apply). If you have not been declined credit in the last				
	a. Failed credit check	¹			
	b. Lack of UK credit history				
	c. Too many address moves				
	d. Don't know				
	e. Prefer not to say				
	f. Other reason (please specify in the text box below):				
Q91	Do you currently have personal debt levels that Yes 1 No 2	-			
	Being Part	of Socie	ty		
Q92	Are you currently registered to vote?		— 1		
	Yes			Please go to Q93	
	No			Please go to Q94	
	Don't know			Please go to Q95	
You can	register to vote at the following link: www.gov.uk/	register-to-vo	ote		
Q93	If you are currently registered to vote, are you (Tick one box only).	registered as	s?		
	An ordinary/residential voter - registered for one year, usually via the annual update of voters (annual canvas	s)		Please go to Q95	
	A Service voter - registered for five years, via a Service	e declaration	2	Please go to Q95	
	An overseas voter - registered for one year, in the same non-Forces British citizen living overseas.	e way as a	3	Please go to Q95	
Q94	If you are not currently registered to vote, what I did not receive an electoral registration form	It is the <u>main</u>	reason for	this? (Tick one box or	ıly)
	I have not got around to it, but aim to do it sometime	2			
	I do not know how to register	3			
	I am not interested in politics	4			
	I wish to remain impartial	5			
	Other	6			

The 'Armed Forces Covenant', announced by the Government in May 2011, is a promise by the nation ensuring that those who serve or who have served in the Armed Forces, and their families, are treated fairly.

Q95

Q97

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

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	
I've heard of it and know a lot about it	

See the following link - https://www.armedforcescovenant.gov.uk - for more information.

Q96 Which, if any, of the following areas do you feel advantaged or disadvantaged as a Service person, compared to the general public?

a Familu'a access to NHS core	Strongly advantaged	Advantaged	advantaged nor disadvantaged	Disadvantaged	Strongly disadvantaged	know/ N/A
a. Family's access to NHS care.						
b. Children's Education.						
c. Housing.	1	2	3	4	5	
d. Family life.		2	3	4	5	
e. Benefits.	1	2	3	4	5	
f. Tax.	1	2	3	4	5	
g. Commercial Products and Services e.g. Home and Car Insurance, Telephone/Media Packages, Access to Credit.	1	2	3	4	5	
h. HM Forces and Veterans-specific financial advice and discounts e.g. Money Force, Defence Discount Service, Defence Privilege Cards and Joining Forces (Credit Unions).	1	2	3	4	5	
i. Participation as Citizens e.g. contacting a local councillor, MP or other public official, attending a public meeting, rally or signing a petition.	1	2	3	4	5	
j. Other (please specify in the text box below):	1	2	3	4	5	
How strongly do you agree or disagree with	the follow	ing?	Neither aaree nor		Stronalv	Don't

a. I offer an important service to the country.

b. Members of the Armed Forces are valued by society at large.

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Your Background Q98 Have you ever been a member of a Service Cadet Force (Sea Cadet Corps/Army Cadet Force/Air Training Corps/Combined Cadet Force)? Yes 1 Please go to Q99 No 2 Please go to Q100

Q99 If YES, were you a member of the: (Tick all that apply) a. Sea Cadet Corps (SCC)?

a. Sea Cadet Corps (SCC)?
b. Army Cadet Force (ACF)?
c. Air Training Corps (ATC)?
d. Combined Cadet Force RN (CCF RN)?
e. Combined Cadet Force Army (CCF Army)?
f. Combined Cadet Force RAF (CCF RAF)?

Taking Action and Your Comments

Q100	How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following?									
	a. I believe the leaders in the Army will take action on the results of AFCAS.	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree 3	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know			
	b. I think effective action has been taken in the Army on the results of AFCAS.	1	2	3	4	5	6			
Q101	How strongly do you agree or disagree with	the followi	ng?							
		Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know			
	I believe the leaders in the Army are committed		2	3	4	5	6			

to creating a diverse and inclusive workplace.

Q102 Please use this box to provide any further comments about working and living in the Army.

Thank you for completing this survey.

Please return it as soon as you can to:

Civica Engagement Solutions, 33 Clarendon Road, London, N8 0NW using the <u>envelope provided</u>.

Responses must reach us by 5th February 2024 in order to be included.

Please allow sufficient time for postage.

AFCAS Royal Air Force 2024 (Note: Your Access Code is your Service Number)

What is RAF life like for you?

I am conscious of how busy the Royal Air Force is right now and am enormously proud of what is being achieved for the Nation at home and overseas; what we do matters immensely, more now than it has for some considerable time.

Requesting that you take the time to fill in a survey when we are asking you to focus on flying and fighting may seem unwelcome, but it provides valuable feedback. The data is used to inform investment decisions, pay discussions, and importantly to start and stop areas of work. The more people that respond, the more useful that information is to us.



This is your chance to tell us how you feel and where we are getting things right or wrong. In return, I promise we will act on the results by continuing to progress in improving your views and experiences of life in the Royal Air Force.

AVM Simon Edwards MA RAF Director People & Air Secretary

If you wish to leave the survey at any point, your responses up to the last completed page will be saved and you can complete it at a later date by entering your Service number in the 'access code' page.

There are 137 questions in this survey.

Participant Information Sheet

MoDREC Protocol Number: 548/MODREC/14

Thank you for choosing to complete the Armed Forces Continuous Attitude Survey 2024.

This survey asks about your views of RAF life, including working and living conditions, and other key aspects of day-to-day life which should take about 30 minutes to complete. There is space at the end of the survey for any comments you wish to make.

Before you decide whether to participate, it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and feel free to ask us if you would like more information or if there is anything that you do not understand. The number of participants invited and ranks chosen to take part in the survey have been picked to give a fair set of views of RAF Personnel – so your input is valuable.

The survey is run by Defence Statistics (Surveys) and Civilians outside your Chain of Command. This research is approved by the MoD Research Ethics Committee (MoDREC). If you would like further details, contact the researcher listed at the end of this sheet.

Your replies will be treated in the strictest confidence and no one from your Chain of Command will see your completed survey. To make sure your views remain confidential, only grouped answers will be reported. Electronic responses will be kept indefinitely. You can read the reports too (see link below).

The researchers will link your responses to JPA to provide some information, such as your Branch or Trade, gender, age, national identity, rank, enlistment date, contract type, and voluntary outflow status, so that we don't have to ask you these questions in the survey. If you are not happy for your JPA data to be used in this way, please contact the researcher whose details are below. Please note that if you deny permission for both the JPA information and your rank and Service information to be linked to your survey responses, your responses cannot be used for analysis, and you are advised not to complete the survey.

The data controller for this project will be Defence Statistics. The Data Protection Officer oversees the processing of personal data, and can be contacted at Andy.Dorman415@mod.gov.uk.

UK data protection law is regulated by the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). If you are concerned about how your personal data is being processed you may wish to submit a complaint to them. Contact details, and details of data subject rights are available on the ICO website at: <u>https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/data-protection-reform/overview-of-the-gdpr/individuals-rights/</u>

You do not have to take part in this survey and choosing not to take part will not disadvantage you in any way. By completing and returning the survey you are agreeing to take part in the research.

Frequently asked questions:

Q. What is the purpose of the survey?

A. "The annual Armed Forces Continuous Attitude Survey (AFCAS) is one of the main ways the Department gathers information on the views and experiences of Armed Forces personnel. It is used to inform important work on pay and policy - such as engagement with the Armed Forces Pay Review Body (AFPRB) and to prioritise delivery of changes to personnel policy such as those recommended in the Haythornthwaite Review. Whilst I know that change often feels too slow and that there are many aspects of your Service that you might find frustrating, please be reassured that this survey provides you the opportunity to directly influence the decisions made by our policy makers on areas that impact your lives. By spending time completing this survey, you will help shape a modern Defence which better meets the needs of our people." – VAdm Phil Hally CB MBE (CDP)

Q. How is the information used?

A. The results are used to help make decisions on leave, pay, housing, career, recruiting methods, health and well-being and other issues. Information is, for instance, given to the Armed Forces Pay Review Body, who report on Armed Forces pay, allowances and entitlements.

Q. Why have I been invited to complete this survey?

A. We have randomly selected a representative sample of Service personnel. Please do not send this survey on to people who have not been invited to take part.

Q. Do I have to complete the survey?

A. No, you can choose not to, the survey is entirely voluntary.

Q. What will I be asked to do?

A. You will be asked to answer several questions. Completing the survey takes approximately 30 minutes. The survey closes in February 2024.

Q. Will taking part or not taking part affect my Service career?

A. No. No one within your Chain of Command will see your responses or data.

Q. Will my records be kept confidential?

A. Your replies will be treated in the strictest confidence and no one from your Chain of Command will see your completed survey. To make sure your views remain confidential, only grouped answers will be reported. Electronic responses will be kept indefinitely. You can read the reports too (see links below).

Q. What are the possible disadvantages and risks of taking part?

A. There are no known disadvantages or risks. However, if taking part in this survey upsets you, or you wish to talk about any personal issues further, please speak to your Unit Welfare Officer, Chaplain or seek guidance from the SSAFA helpline: 0800 260 6767 (website also at: https://www.ssafa.org.uk/help-you/forcesline).

Q. What if I want to make a complaint?

A. Complaints about the survey should be addressed to Alexander Zammit, Alexander.Zammit100@mod.gov.uk, 07971 770576.

For further information: Contact Civil Service researcher: Zoe Szuster-Stone at HQ Air Command at Air-COSPers-PolPsychGrpMbox@mod.gov.uk.

This study complies, and at all times will comply, with the Declaration of Helsinki as adopted at the 64th World Medical Association General Assembly at Fortaleza, Brazil in October 2013.

Armed Forces Continuous Attitude Survey reports are publicly available via GOV.UK:

Armed Forces Continuous Attitude Survey reports

The report of the findings of the 2024 AFCAS survey is provisionally due to be released in May 2024.

Your Pay

To compensate for differences in lifestyle, working conditions and expectations between Service personnel and their civilian equivalents, Service salaries are increased by 14.5% (for the majority of personnel). We call this the 'X-Factor'.

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following?

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. The X-Factor in my salary is enough compensation for Service lifestyle, working conditions and expectations.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
b. The pay and benefits I receive are fair for the work I do.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

How satisfied are you with the following?								
Please choose the appropriate response for each item:								
	Neither satisfied Very nor Very satisfied Satisfied dissatisfieDissatisfied							
a. My rate of basic pay (basic pay includes X-Factor, but excludes Recruitment and Retention Payment (RRP) and any allowances).	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0			
b. My pension benefits.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc			
c. Information about pay and allowances (e.g. from the intranet, DINs and Directed Letters).	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0			
d. My ability to access JPA.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0			

Neither satisfied Very nor satisfiedSatisfieddissatisfDeidSatis e. My allowances, e.g. Longer Separation Allowance (LSA), Get You Home (GYH), Continuity Of Education Allowance (CEA), Local Overseas Allowance (LOA), and Food and Incidentals Allowance (FIA).	How satisfied are you with the following? (continued) Please choose the appropriate response for each item:						
Separation Allowance (LSA), Get You Home (GYH), Continuity Of Education Allowance (CEA), Local Overseas Allowance (LOA), and Food and Incidentals	Very tis fülisis atisf	fichol/A					
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In the last 12 months, have you been in receipt of a Recruitment and Retention Payment (RRP)?

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

) Yes

) No

How satisfied are you with the following?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question ' [q02A832]' (In the last 12 months, have you been in receipt of a Recruitment and Retention Payment (RRP)?)

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfie	dDissatisfie	Very eddissatisfied
My Recruitment and Retention Payment (RRP).	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

Your Work

How satisfied are you with RAF life in general?
Please choose only one of the following:
◯ Very satisfied
◯ Satisfied
O Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
Dissatisfied
O Very dissatisfied

How would you rate the level of morale of Please choose the appropriate response for each item:								
	Very high	High	Neither high nor low	Low	Very Iow			
a. Myself.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc			
b. My Unit.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc			
c. The RAF as a whole.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc			

How satisfied are you with the following aspects of your current job? Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfie	Dissatisfi	Very eddissatisfied
a. My job in general.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
b. The sense of achievement I get from my work.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
c. The challenge in my job.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
d. The amount of variety in my work.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
e. My current work location.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following?							
Please choose the appropriate response for each item:							
	Neither agree Strongly nor agree Agree disagreeDis			eDisagre	y e N/A		
a. My superiors do not interfere excessively in my work activities.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
b. I am given sufficient authority to make decisions.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
c. If I make a genuine mistake at work, I do not feel that it will be held against me.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
d. Where I work people do not automatically look for someone to blame when things go wrong.	0	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
e. I am encouraged to find better ways of doing things at work.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
f. When I am set a task at work, I understand clearly what output is required.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
g. I have a choice in deciding how I do my work.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
h. I know that if I do my job well I will be praised or recognised.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	

Resources and Workload

How satisfied are you with the following?								
Please choose the appropriate response for each item:								
	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfie	e D issatisfi	Very eddissatisfied			
a. The standard of personal equipment/kit I have to do my job (e.g. clothes, boots, personal weapon).	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc			
b. The availability of personal equipment/kit I have to do my job.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0			
c. The standard of major equipment (e.g. vehicles and systems) I have to do my job.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc			
d. The availability of major equipment I have to do my job.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc			

How would you rate your workload over the last 12 months?

Please choose **only one** of the following:

\bigcirc I	Much	too	high
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- Too high
- About right
- 🔵 Too low
- Much too low

How satisfied are you with the following? Please choose the appropriate response for each item:								
	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfi	e ð issatisfi	Very ieddissatisfied			
a. The training facilities/training estate I have used in the last year.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc			
b. The facilities on my base.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0			

Your Career

Overall how satisfied are you with the way your career is being managed?
Please choose only one of the following:
 Very satisfied Satisfied Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied Dissatisfied Very dissatisfied

Overall how satisfied are you with the career management service provided by the RAF?
Please choose only one of the following:
 Very satisfied Satisfied Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied Dissatisfied Very dissatisfied
() N/A

How satisfed are you with the following elements of the career management process? Please choose the appropriate response for each item:								
Neither satisfied Very nor Very satisfied dissatisfi ed ssatisfi eds satisfiedN/A								
a. The mid-term reporting.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		
b. The appraisal report.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		
c. The promotion process - boarding and notification.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		

Who do you think is responsible for managing your career? (Tick all that apply)

Please choose **all** that apply:

a. You.

b. Immediate superior (line manager).

c. Career Manager.

In terms of your current assignment, how strongly do you agree or disagree with the following?

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

lly	Neither agree nor		Strongly
Agree	disagree	e Disagre	e disagree
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	Agree Agree	agree Ily nor	agree Jly nor

How satisfied are you with the following?							
Please choose the appropriate response for each item:							
	Neither satisfied Very nor Very satisfied Satisfied dissatisfi @d ssatisfi ed ssatisfi						
a. The notice I received for my current/last assignment.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		
b. Involvement in decisions that affect my career.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		
c. The fairness of the appraisal system.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		
d. The fairness of the promotion system.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		
e. My opportunities for promotion.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		
f. My opportunities for further service.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		

How important is promotion to your satisfaction with your Service career at the present time?

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

Very important

) Fairly important

Neither important nor unimportant

) Fairly unimportant

Very unimportant

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How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

I am willing to serve overseas (i.e. on a permanent assignment).

Please choose **only one** of the following:

Strongly agree

) Agree

) Neither agree nor disagree

) Disagree

) Strongly disagree

How influential are/would be the following factors in your willingness to serve overseas (i.e. on a permanent assignment)?

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Very influential	Quite influential	Not very influential	Not at all influential
a. Current rates of LOA.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
b. Travel allowances (e.g. Get You Home (Overseas)).	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
c. The removals/storage service.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
d. In-country support (e.g. medical, dental, welfare).	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
e. Local security situation.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
f. Impact on your career.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

How influential are/would be the following factors in your willingness to serve overseas (i.e. on a permanent assignment)? (continued)

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Very influentia	Quite al influentia	Not very linfluentia	Not at all alinfluential	N/A
g. Availability of CEA.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
h. Spouse/Partner's prospects of working overseas.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

Your Line Management

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your immediate superior (Service or civilian)?

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagre	Strongly e disagree	Don't know
a. Understands and represents my interests.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
b. Supports me in my job.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
c. Sets a positive example.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
d. Encourages me to develop my skills.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
e. Is supportive over work/life balance issues.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
f. Provides regular feedback on my performance.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
g. Tells me what's going on at work.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
h. Is someone I trust.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
i. Helps me to understand how I contribute to RAF objectives.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
j. Helps me to understand how major change decisions will affect me.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
k. Works well with personnel from different backgrounds.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
I. I am satisfied with the leadership provided by my	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

			Neither agree		
	Strongly agree	Agree	nor	Strongly Disagree disagree	
immediate supervisor.					

Senior Leadership

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the senior leaders of the RAF (i.e. Air Commodore and above)? Please choose the appropriate response for each item:							
Neither agree Strongly nor Strongly Don't agree Agree disagreeDisagreedisagree know							
a. They understand and represent my interests.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
b. They are keen to listen to Service people's feedback.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
c. They champion the RAF's interest in Tri-Service issues.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
d. They communicate decisions to personnel.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
e. They understand the impact of change on personnel.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
f. I have confidence in the leadership of the RAF.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	

Commitment

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following?							
Please choose the appropriate response for each item:							
	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree		
a. In the last 12 months, I have fulfilled my commitments/promises to the RAF.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		
b. In the last 12 months, the RAF has fulfilled its commitments/promises to me.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		
c. I am proud to be in the RAF.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		
d. I am valued by the RAF.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		
e. I would recommend joining the RAF to others.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		
f. I feel a strong personal attachment to the RAF.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		
g. I feel a strong personal attachment to my Unit.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		
h. The RAF inspires me to do the best in my job.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		
i. The RAF motivates me to help it achieve its objectives.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following? (continued) Please choose the appropriate response for each item:							
	Neither agree Strongly nor Strongly agree Agree disagreeDisagreedisagree N/A						
j. My family is proud of me serving in the Armed Forces.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
k. My family benefits from being a Service family.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
I. My family supports my career in the RAF.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	

Ethos is the distinctive character, spirit and attitude of the RAF which together inspire our people to face challenge and, on occasion, danger. It is underpinned by tradition, esprit de corps and a sense of belonging. It encompasses the will to contribute to the delivery of effective air power that arises from confidence in the chain of command, trust in colleagues and equipment, respect for individuality, sustainment of high professional standards and the courage to subordinate personal needs for the greater good.

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following?

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly
The ethos of the RAF is an important part of life in the RAF.					

Working with Others

In considering your immediate working team, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following?

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. My team know exactly what their responsibilities are.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
b. The people in my team can be relied on to help when things get difficult in my job.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
c. We have confidence in ourselves as a team.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
d. The people in my team work together to find ways to improve the service we provide.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
e. Team members work well with personnel from different backgrounds.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

Have you had working contact with any of the following in the <u>last two years</u>? (Tick all that apply)

(If none apply, please go to the next section 'Change' by clicking the 'NEXT' button below)

Please choose all that apply:

a. Armed Forces Reserves.

b. MOD Civil Servants.

c. MOD contractors.

In your experience, how would you rate the contribution to the RAF of \ldots						
Only answer this question if the following conditions are met: Scenario 1 Answer was at question ' [q21]' (Have you had working contact with any of the following in						
the last two years? (Tick all that apply) (If none apply, please go to the next section 'Change' by clicking the 'NEXT' button below))						
 or Scenario 2 Answer was at question ' [q21]' (Have you had working contact with any of the following in the last two years? (Tick all that apply) (If none apply, please go to the next section 'Change' by clicking the 'NEXT' button below)) or Scenario 3 Answer was at question ' [q21]' (Have you had working contact with any of the following in the last two years? (Tick all that apply) (If none apply, please go to the next section) 						
'Change' by clicking the 'NEXT' but	• • •	, apply, pice		IC HEAL SEC	1011	
'Change' by clicking the 'NEXT' butt Please choose the appropriate resp	ton below))					
	on below)) oonse for eac Very		Not very	Not at all	Don't know / N/A	
	on below)) oonse for eac Very	ch item:	Not very	Not at all	Don't know /	
Please choose the appropriate resp	on below)) oonse for eac Very	ch item:	Not very	Not at all	Don't know /	

In your experience, how well integrated into the RAF are ... Only answer this question if the following conditions are met: ------ Scenario 1 ------Answer was at question ' [q21]' (Have you had working contact with any of the following in the last two years? (Tick all that apply) (If none apply, please go to the next section 'Change' by clicking the 'NEXT' button below)) ----- or Scenario 2 ------Answer was at question ' [q21]' (Have you had working contact with any of the following in the last two years? (Tick all that apply) (If none apply, please go to the next section 'Change' by clicking the 'NEXT' button below)) ----- or Scenario 3 ------Answer was at question ' [q21]' (Have you had working contact with any of the following in the last two years? (Tick all that apply) (If none apply, please go to the next section 'Change' by clicking the 'NEXT' button below)) Please choose the appropriate response for each item: Not Don't Very very Not at know / Well N/A well well all well a. Armed Forces Reserves.) b. MOD Civil Servants. c. MOD contractors.

Change

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following? Please choose the appropriate response for each item:							
	Strongly agree	, Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagre	Strongly e disagree	Don't know	
a. Change is managed well in my immediate working team.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
b. Change is managed well in my Unit/Establishment.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
c. Change is managed well in the RAF.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	

Your Deployments

If you have NOT been on an operational deployment since 1 Jan 2021, please go to the next section 'Training and Development' by clicking the 'NEXT' button below.
With regards to your current/last operational deployment, were you deployed individually or as part of a Unit?
Please choose only one of the following:
 Individually As part of a Unit

With regards to your current/las with the following?	st operat	ional de	eploymen	t, how s	satisfied	are you
Please choose the appropriate response for each item:						
	Neither satisfied Very nor Very satisfiedSatisfieddissatisfi 2eis satisfi ides satisfi ide s					
a. Non-operational allowances (e.g. LSA, GYH(T), residual unaccompanied rate of LOA).	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
 b. Operational allowances (e.g. Overseas Assistance, Concessionary travel for immediate families, Unpleasant work allowance, Unpleasant living allowance etc). 	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
c. The deployment notice.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
d. The pre-operational training.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
e. The welfare support I received from the RAF when I returned from operational deployment.	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
f. The welfare support that my family, partner, and/or parents received from the RAF when I returned from operational deployment.	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0
g. The decompression and post operational tour support I received when I returned from operational deployment.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
h. The Post Operational Stress Management that I received	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

			Neither satisfie			
	Very		nor		Very	
	satisfiedSatisfieddissatisf Deis satisf ides satisfield/A					
when I returned from operational deployment.						
i. The operational role I was assigned to.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

During your pre-operational preparation, did you have access to the following?

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Yes	Νο	N/A	
a. Job specification for the post.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
b. Assignment Order.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
c. Preparation Instruction.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	

During your pre-operational preparation, did you have access to the A1 Ops website?

Please choose **only one** of the following:

) Yes

) No

)N/A
If you had access to the A1 Ops website during your pre-operational preparation, how strongly do you agree or disagree with the following?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question ' [q29A763]' (During your pre-operational preparation, did you have access to the A1 Ops website?)

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
The preparation instruction provided via the A1 Ops website contained appropriate information to enable me to prepare to deploy.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

What is your view of the following regarding your experience of operational deployments?

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Too often	About right	Not often enough
The frequency of my operational deployments.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

What is your view of the following regarding your experience of operational deployments?						
Please choose the appropriate response for each item:						
	Too long	About right	Too short			
The length of my operational deployments.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc			

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following? Please choose the appropriate response for each item:						
	Strongl agree	-	Neither agree nor disagre	eDisagre	Strongl ecdisagre	
Rest and recuperation (R&R) provides me with sufficient time to rest to sustain operational effectiveness.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

Training and Development

How satisfied are you with the following?						
Please choose the appropriate response	for each it	em:				
	Neither satisfied Very nor Very					
		Satisfied		ī ēd ssatis	fididssatisfied	
a. My opportunities for professional development.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
b. My opportunities for personal development.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
c. The timing of the training I have received in order to carry out my current job roles.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
d. The extent to which I am doing the job for which I was trained.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
e. My opportunities to gain civilian accreditation for Service training (e.g. NVQs, apprenticeships).	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	

Your Future Plans

What are your plans for the future?

Please choose only one of the following:

) To stay serving as long as I can

) To stay serving to the end of my current engagement/commission

) To leave the RAF before the end of my current engagement/commission

) To leave the RAF as soon as I can

I have put in my notice to leave

) N/A / I don't know

How actively have you searched for a job outside the RAF in the last 12 months?
Please choose only one of the following:
O Very actively
Quite actively
◯ Not very actively
◯ Not at all
If you had the opportunity to do so, do you think you would choose to remain in the Regular RAF beyond your current retirement age?
in the Regular RAF beyond your current retirement age?
in the Regular RAF beyond your current retirement age? Please choose only one of the following:
 in the Regular RAF beyond your current retirement age? Please choose only one of the following: Yes - up to 2 years beyond
 in the Regular RAF beyond your current retirement age? Please choose only one of the following: Yes - up to 2 years beyond Yes - between 2-5 years beyond

() N/A / Don't know

When you leave the RAF, would you consider joining the Volunteer Reserve Forces? (RN/RM: Maritime Reserves; Army: Army Reserves; RAF: RAF Volunteer Reserves)

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Yes	Νο	Don't know
a. Full-time.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
b. Part-time.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

When you leave the RAF, would you consider taking up a Full-Time Reserve Service (FTRS) commitment?

Please choose only one of the following:

🔵 Yes

🔵 No

🔵 Don't know

What would make you join the Volunteer Reserve Forces? (Please write in the box below)

How do the following factors impact upon your intention to stay or leave the RAF?

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Strongly increases my intention to stay	Increases my intention to stay	Has no effect on my intention to stay or leave	Increases my intention to leave	Strongly increases my intention to leave
a. Impact of RAF life on family and personal life.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
b. Opportunities outside the RAF.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
c. Current job satisfaction.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
d. Job security.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
e. My morale.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
f. Service morale.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
g. Amount of pay.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
h. Amount of allowances.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
i. Opportunities for career development.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
j. Opportunities for personal development.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
k. Opportunities for sport.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
I. Opportunities for Adventurous Training.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

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	Strongly increases my intention to stay	Increases my intention to stay	Has no effect on my intention to stay or leave	Increases my intention to leave	Strongly increases my intention to leave
m. Promotion prospects.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
n. Healthcare provision.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
o. Dental provision.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
p. Mental health provision.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
q. Pension.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
r. Opportunities for flexible working conditions.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
s. Excitement of the job.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
t. Opportunities for operational deployment.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
u. Work/life balance.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

How do the following factors impact upon your intention to stay or leave the RAF? (continued)							
Please choose the appropriate	response	for each it	em:				
	my	edncrease my n intention		n my	Strongly esincrease my n intentior to leave	S	
v. Financial incentives to remain in the RAF (in addition to pay and allowances).	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
w. Spouse/partner's career.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
x. Childcare.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
y. Accommodation provision.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
z. Armed Forces House Purchase Incentive Scheme (i.e. Forces Help to Buy Scheme).	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
aa. Other (if applicable, please specify below).	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	

Other reason(s)

If you have put your notice in to leave, please indicate the 3 factors from the list below that have most influenced your decision to leave the RAF.

Double-click or drag-and-drop items in the left list to move them to the right your highest ranking item should be on the top right, moving through to your lowest ranking item.

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'I have put in my notice to leave' at question ' [q33A173]' (What are your plans for the future?)

Please select at most 3 answers

Please number each box in order of preference from 1 to 27

Please choose no more than 3 items.



	n. Healthcare provision.
	o. Dental provision.
	p. Mental health provision.
	q. Pension.
	r. Opportunities for flexible working conditions.
	s. Excitement of the job.
	t. Opportunities for operational deployment.
	u. Work/life balance.
	v. Financial Incentives available to me, e.g. Commitment Bonus.
	w. Spouse/partner's career.
	x. Childcare
	y. Accommodation provision.
	z. Armed Forces House Purchase Incentive Scheme (i.e. Forces Help to
Buy Scheme)	
	aa. Other

How would having the following options impact on your intention to stay or leave the RAF?

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	my	Increases my intention to stay	Has no effect on my intention to stay or leave	Increases my intention to leave	Strongly increases my intention to leave
a. Opportunities to work part- time.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
b. Opportunities for reduced separated Service (including operational deployment).	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

Fairness at Work

The RAF aims to achieve an environment free from harassment, bullying, intimidation and unlawful discrimination, in which all have equal opportunity and encouragement to realise their full potential.									
How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement regarding fairness and equality in the RAF?									
Please choose the appropriate resp	onse for eac	h item:							
	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree				
I am treated fairly at work.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc				

Do you feel that the RAF discipline system is?
Please choose only one of the following:
 Very fair Fair Neither fair nor unfair Unfair Very unfair

<u>Bullying</u> may be characterised as offensive, intimidating, malicious or insulting behaviour, and abuse of or misuse of power through means intended to undermine, humiliate, denigrate or injure the recipient.

<u>Discrimination</u> can occur when a person is treated less favourably because of race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, pregnancy or maternity, marriage or civil partnership, gender reassignment, age or disability. Discrimination can also occur where a policy or practice which applies to everyone unreasonably disadvantages a person on the basis of the characteristics mentioned above.

<u>Harassment</u> includes unwanted conduct which is related to the characteristics mentioned above and is intended to or has the effect of violating another's dignity or creating a hostile, degrading, humiliating or offensive environment.

Please note that the data gathered is strictly for research purposes only. You are advised not to name any individuals in your response. No action will be taken on this, and you are instead advised to seek guidance from the SSAFA Confidential Helpline: 0800 260 6767 (freephone) or +44 (0)207 463 9292 (overseas) (website also at: https://www.ssafa.org.uk/help-you/forcesline). Alternatively, please contact the Defence Bullying, Harassment and Discrimination helpline on 0800 014 2381. Do you believe you have been subject to any of the following in a Service environment in the last 12 months? (Tick all that apply).

Please choose all that apply:

a. Bullying.

b. Discrimination.

c. Harassment.

d. None of the above.

If you believe you have been subject to <u>bullying</u> in a Service environment in the last 12 months, please specify on what grounds:

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met: Answer was at question ' [q44]' (Do you believe you have been subject to any of the following in a Service environment in the last 12 months? (Tick all that apply).)

If you believe you have been subject to <u>discrimination or harassment</u> in a Service environment in the last 12 months, please specify on what grounds:									
Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:									
Answer was at question ' [q44]' (Do you believe you have been subject to any of the following in a Service environment in the last 12 months? (Tick all that apply).)									
Answer was at question ' [q44]' (Do you believe you have been subject to any of the following in a Service environment in the last 12 months? (Tick all that apply).)									
	Discrimination	Harassment							
a. Gender.									
b. Gender reassignment.									
c. Race, colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin.									
d. Marriage/civil partnership.									
e. Religion or beliefs.									
f. Sexual orientation.									
g. Age.									
h. Disability.									
i. Pregnancy or maternity.									

<u>Sexual harassment</u> is defined as verbal, non-verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature that is unwanted, degrading, offensive or humiliating for the recipient. Such conduct includes, but is not limited to: unwelcome sexual advances, unwanted sexual attention, requests for sexual favours, or verbal, online or physical acts or gestures of a sexual nature. It can be experienced by anyone regardless of age or gender.

Did you make a formal written complaint within the last 12 months about this discrimination, harrassment and/or bullyng?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

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

Answer was 'a. Bullying.' *or* 'b. Discrimination.' *or* 'c. Harassment.' at question ' [q44]' (Do you believe you have been subject to any of the following in a Service environment in the last 12 months? (Tick all that apply).)

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

Answer was 'Yes' at question ' [q50A834]' (Do you believe you have been subject to sexual harassment in a Service environment in the last 12 months?)

Please choose only one of the following:

\bigcirc	Yes
\bigcirc	No

If you DID MAKE a formal written complaint, how satisfied were/are you with the following aspects of your complaint?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question ' [q47A124]' (Did you make a formal written complaint within the last 12 months about this discrimination, harrassment and/or bullyng?)

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor I dissatisf		Very fidibsatisf	ïedN/A
a. The objectivity and fairness with which my complaint was handled/is being handled.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
b. The amount of time taken/it is taking to resolve my complaint.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
c. How well I was/am being kept informed about the progress of my complaint.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
d. The support provided by my Assisting Officer.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
e. The outcome of my complaint.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

If you did NOT make a formal written complaint, why was this? (Tick all that apply)
Only answer this question if the following conditions are met: Answer was 'No' at question ' [q47A124]' (Did you make a formal written complaint within the last 12 months about this discrimination, harrassment and/or bullyng?)
Please choose all that apply:
 a. I was not aware of the Service Complaints process. b. I considered the incident(s) to be too minor to report. c. The incident(s) was/were resolved informally. d. The incident(s) was/were resolved through mediation. e. I did not believe anything would be done if I did complain. f. I did not want to go through the complaints procedure. g. I believed it might adversely affect my career. h. I believed it might adversely affect another work colleague or the working environment. i. I was worried that there would be recriminations from the perpetrators. j. I was discouraged from doing so. k. Other reason(s) - please specify below.

Other reason(s)

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met: Answer was 'No' at question ' [q47A124]' (Did you make a formal written complaint within the last 12 months about this discrimination, harrassment and/or bullyng?)

Which of these best sums up your awareness of the Service Complaints **Process**?

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

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

Which of these best sums up your awareness of the Service Complaints **Ombudsman**?

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
-) I've heard of it and know a lot about it

Information about the Service Complaints Process can be found on the following link:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/jsp-831-redress-of-individualgrievances-service-complaints

Information about the Service Complaints Ombudsman can be found on the following link: <u>https://www.scoaf.org.uk/</u>

Your Work-Life Balance

In the past 12 months approximately how much time have you spent away from your family (e.g. spouse/partner or children) for Service reasons?

Please choose only one of the following:

) Not been away

) Up to 1 month (4 weeks)

) Between 1 - 3 months (5 - 13 weeks)

) Between 4 - 6 months (14 - 26 weeks)

) Between 7 - 9 months (27 - 39 weeks)

) Between 10 - 12 months (40 - 52 weeks)

) N/A

In the past 12 months, how satisfied were you with the following? Please choose the appropriate response for each item: **Neither** satisfied Very Very nor satisfied Satisfied dissatisfied issatisfied a. The ability to plan my own life - short term (e.g. work/weekend leave). b. The ability to plan my own life - long term (e.g. holidays/career training). c. The opportunity for me to work flexibly (e.g. variable start/finish times, Compressed Hours, Working from home).

In the past 12 months, how sat	tisfied we	re you	with the	followin	g? (cont	inued)		
Please choose the appropriate resp	oonse for e	ach item	:					
	Neither satisfied							
	Very satisfie	dSatisfie	nor eddissatis	f Deis tsatis	Very s füläsi satis	fie M /A		
d. The amount of time away from my usual place of duty.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		
e. The amount of time away from my family and friends.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		
f. The effect of Service life on my children's education.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		
g. The effect of Service life on my spouse/partner's career.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following? Please choose the appropriate response for each item:							
	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree		
I am able to maintain a balance between my personal and working life.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		

Do you think you are able to deliver your outputs through hybrid working (i.e. a blend of location-based and remote working)?

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

 \bigcirc Yes, completely.

) Yes, to some extent.

) No.

Your Leave

How satisfied are you with the following? Please choose the appropriate response for each item:									
	Very satisfied	I Satisfie	Neither satisfied nor d dissatisf		Very fi dit ssatisfie	d			
a. My overall leave allowance, i.e. annual leave, post operational leave (POL), leave carried over from previous years.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0				
b. The opportunity to take leave when I want to.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc				
c. The amount of leave I was able to take in the last 12 months.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0				

If you did not take all of your annual leave allowance within the last leave year, what was the reason for this? (Tick all that apply).

Please choose all that apply:

a. Operational tour.

b. Not allowed.

c. Courses/training.

- d. Workload.
- e. Understaffing.

f. I wanted to carry days over to the next leave year.

g. Other (please write below).

Other reason(s)

Please write your answer here:

Your Health and Well-Being

If you have received Service-provided **medical** treatment (including mental healthcare) in the last 2 years, how satisfied were you with: Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

Neither satisfied							
Very satisfie	dSatisfie	nor ddissatis	s fDis tsatis	Very s föles lsatis	fie M /A		
\bigcirc	\bigcirc	_		\bigcirc	\bigcirc		
\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		
	-	satisfiedSatisfie	satisfie Very nor satisfiedSatisfieddissatis	satisfied Very nor satisfiedSatisfieddissatisfDeidsatis	satisfied Very nor Very satisfiedSatisfieddissatisfDeidSatisfibiedSatis		

If you have received Service-provided dental treatment in the last 2 years, how satisfied were you with:								
Please choose the appropriate resp	onse for e	ach item	:					
	Very		Neither satisfie nor	-	Very			
	satisfie	dSatisfie	ddissatis	f Deis satis	s fülėsi satis	field/A		
a. Being able to access the dental care when I needed it.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		
b. The dental treatment.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		



Overall, to what extent do you feel the things you do in your life are worthwhile?											
Please choose the appropriate response for each item:											
Not.at.all 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9						9	Completel 10				
\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0	

Fitness, Sport and Adventurous Training

How satisfied are you with the following?										
Please choose the appropriate response for each item:										
Very satisfied	Very fi dit ssatisfied									
\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc						
\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc						
\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc						
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\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc						
	e for each it Very	e for each item: Very	e for each item: Neither satisfied Very nor	e for each item: Neither satisfied						

Welfare

How satisfied are you with the following?												
Please choose the appropriate response for each item:												
	Neither satisfied Very nor Very satisfied Satisfied dissatisfi ed ssatisfiedN/A											
a. The welfare support provided by the RAF for me.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc						
b. The welfare support provided by the RAF for my family.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc						
c. The support my spouse/partner gets from the RAF when I am absent.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc						
d. The Operational/Deployment Welfare Package.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc						

How satisfied are you with the following?

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Very satisfie	e & atisf	Neithe satisfi nor ie d issati	Very is died ati	Not is fied d	Not heard of	
a. The chaplaincy support provided by the RAF.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
b. SSAFA Personal Support & Social Work Service.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
c. The HIVE.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
d. The RAF Families Federation.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
e. The Community Development Officer/Worker.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
f. My Unit's Service Community Support Officer (SCSO).	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
g. My Unit's Welfare staffs.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

Your Accommodation

What kind of accommodation do you live in at present during the working week?

Please choose only one of the following:

- () Service Family Accommodation (SFA)
- Substitute Service Family Accommodation (SSFA)
- Single Living Accommodation (SLA)
- Substitute Service Single Accommodation (SSSA) (*Formerly SSLA*)
- Property I own
- Privately rented accommodation
-) In a relative's (e.g. parents') home
- Other (please write below)

Other

With regard to your current Service Accommodation, how satisfied are you with the following?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

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

Answer was 'Service Family Accommodation (SFA)' at question ' [q65A207]' (What kind of accommodation do you live in at present during the working week?)

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

Answer was 'Substitute Service Family Accommodation (SSFA)' at question ' [q65A207]' (What kind of accommodation do you live in at present during the working week?) ------ or Scenario 3 ------

Answer was 'Single Living Accommodation (SLA)' at question ' [q65A207]' (What kind of accommodation do you live in at present during the working week?)

----- or Scenario 4 ------

Answer was 'Substitute Service Single Accommodation (SSSA) (*Formerly SSLA*)' at question ' [q65A207]' (What kind of accommodation do you live in at present during the working week?)

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Neither satisfied Very nor N satisfiedSatisfieddissatisf Deis satisfie					N/A / don't sfi led ow
a. The overall standard.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
b. The value for money.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
c. The response to requests for maintenance/repair to my current accommodation.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
d. The quality of maintenance/repair work to my current accommodation.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
e. How fairly Service Accommodation is allocated.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
f. The accommodation I live in meets my needs.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

Do you currently own your own home? (Please answer this question whether you live in this property or not).
Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:
Scenario 1
Answer was 'Service Family Accommodation (SFA)' at question ' [q65A207]' (What kind of
accommodation do you live in at present during the working week?)
or Scenario 2
Answer was 'Substitute Service Family Accommodation (SSFA)' at question ' [q65A207]'
(What kind of accommodation do you live in at present during the working week?) or Scenario 3
Answer was 'Single Living Accommodation (SLA)' at question ' [q65A207]' (What kind of
accommodation do you live in at present during the working week?)
or Scenario 4
Answer was 'Substitute Service Single Accommodation (SSSA) (Formerly SSLA)' at
question ' [q65A207]' (What kind of accommodation do you live in at present during the
working week?)
or Scenario 5
Answer was 'Privately rented accommodation' at question ' [q65A207]' (What kind of
accommodation do you live in at present during the working week?)
or Scenario 6
Answer was 'In a relative's (e.g. parents') home' at question ' [q65A207]' (What kind of
accommodation do you live in at present during the working week?)
or Scenario 7
Answer was 'Other (please write below)' at question ' [q65A207]' (What kind of
accommodation do you live in at present during the working week?)
or Scenario 8
Answer was at question ' [q65A207]' (What kind of accommodation do you live in at present during the working week?)
present during the working week!
Please choose only one of the following:
Yes
No
\bigcirc No, but I am currently saving up to buy a home in the future

Please indicate whether each of the following is a reason why you <u>do not own</u> your own home. (Tick all that apply).
Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:
Answer was 'No' at question ' [q68A213]' (Do you currently own your own home? (Please answer this question whether you live in this property or not).)
Answer was 'No, but I am currently saving up to buy a home in the future' at question ' [q68A213]' (Do you currently own your own home? (Please answer this question whether you live in this property or not).)
Please choose all that apply:
a. I don't want to own a home at this stage in my life/career.
b. Living in Service Accommodation is better suited to my/my family's needs at present than home ownership is.
c. I want to be able to move about/move my family with me when I am posted.
d. I don't want to buy a home where I am currently located.
e. I can't afford to buy a suitable home at the moment.
f. I don't want to risk losing money.
g. I wouldn't be able to live in the home.
h. Other (please write below).

Other reason(s)

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

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

Answer was 'No' at question ' [q68A213]' (Do you currently own your own home? (Please answer this question whether you live in this property or not).)

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

Answer was 'No, but I am currently saving up to buy a home in the future' at question ' [q68A213]' (Do you currently own your own home? (Please answer this question whether you live in this property or not).)

Other reason(s)

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

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

Answer was 'Property I own' at question ' [q65A207]' (What kind of accommodation do you live in at present during the working week?)

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

Answer was 'Yes' at question ' [q68A213]' (Do you currently own your own home? (Please answer this question whether you live in this property or not).)

If you currently own a home, how satisfied are you with following?									
Only answer this question if the following conditions are met: Scenario 1 Answer was 'Property I own' at question ' [q65A207]' (What kind of accommodation do you live in at present during the working week?) or Scenario 2 Answer was 'Yes' at question ' [q68A213]' (Do you currently own your own home? (Please answer this question whether you live in this property or not).)									
Please choose the appropriate response for each item:									
	Neither satisfied								
	Very nor Very satisfiedSatisfieddissatisf ièid satisfie id /A								
a. The opportunity to live in my own home.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc			
b. The allowances for living in my own home.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc			
Please indicate whether each of the following is a reason why you moved into privately rented accommodation (Tick all that apply).

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Privately rented accommodation' at question ' [q65A207]' (What kind of accommodation do you live in at present during the working week?)

Select all that apply Please choose **all** that apply:

a. To give stability for myself and my family.

b. I can't afford to buy a suitable home at the moment.

c. The payments and allowances for renting a home.

d. Poor standards of SLA or SFA.

e. Poor location of SLA or SFA.

f. The cost of SLA or SFA.

g. SLA or SFA is not available at my base.

h. I wanted to live with my partner.

i. Other (please write below)

Other reason(s)

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met: Answer was 'Privately rented accommodation' at question ' [q65A207]' (What kind of accommodation do you live in at present during the working week?)

Please write your answer here:

With regard to your privately rented accommodation, how satisfied are you with the following?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Privately rented accommodation' at question ' [q65A207]' (What kind of accommodation do you live in at present during the working week?)

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Neither satisfied Very nor Very satisfiedSatisfieddissatisf ieid satisfi eid /A					
a. The opportunity to live in non-Service accommodation.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
b. The accommodation I live in meets my needs.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
c. The value for money.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
d. How fairly families accommodation is allocated.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

Subsidised accommodation is any accommodation that Defence provides a regular payment towards, or provides to you with charges collected through pay.

How satisfied are you with the following?

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfi	ie ð issatisfi	Very e d issatisfied
The ability to live with whom I want to in Defence-subsidised accommodation (e.g. SLA, SFA, private rental sector).	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

Which of these best sums up your awareness of the Forces Help to Buy Scheme (FHTB)?

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

- O 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
-) I've heard of it and know a lot about it

You can find more information on Forces Help to Buy at the following link: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/forces-help-to-buy

Have you used Forces Help to Buy (FHTB) in the last year?
Choose one of the following answers Please choose only one of the following:
Yes
No
Are you considering using Forces Help to Buy (FHTB) for a future home purchase?
Please choose only one of the following:
Yes
No

Catering, Retail and Leisure

Other factor(s)

Please write your answer here:

How often do you use Service-provided catering facilities...?

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Always	Often	Sometim	est arely	Never	N/A
a. For eating at breakfast.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
b. For eating at lunchtime.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
c. For eating in the evening.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
d. For drinking, socialising in the bar.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
e. For informal functions.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
f. For formal functions (Officers/SNCOs/WOs only).	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

How satisfied are you with the following?									
Please choose the appropriate response for each item:									
	Very satisfied	Satisfie	Neither satisfied nor d dissatisfi	i @i ssatis	Very fi dit satisf	iedN/A			
a. The availability of food during the week on my unit (e.g. opening hours).	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc			
b. The number of functions during the year.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc			
c. The standard of service from catering contractors on my Unit.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc			

Your Family Life

What is your current personal status? Please choose only one of the following: Single (never married or formed a civil partnership) In a long term / established relationship (but not married or in a civil partnership) Married / In a civil partnership Separated, but still legally married or in a civil partnership Divorced / Formerly in a civil partnership which is now legally dissolved Widowed / The surviving partner from a civil partnership Prefer not to say

What is your spouse/partner's current employment situation?
Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:
Scenario 1 Answer was 'In a long term / established relationship (but not married or in a civil partnership)' at question ' [q76A247]' (What is your current personal status?) or Scenario 2 Answer was 'Married / In a civil partnership' at question ' [q76A247]' (What is your current personal status?)
Please choose only one of the following:
O In the Armed Forces
O In full-time paid employment / full-time self-employment (other than Armed Forces)
In part-time paid employment / part-time self-employment
O In voluntary (unpaid) employment
◯ Not employed (for any reason)
O In full-time or part-time education
Do you have any children whom you support financially?

Please choose **only one** of the following:

) Yes

🔵 No

How many children do you have in each age group?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question ' [q78A253]' (Do you have any children whom you support financially?)

Under 5 years

Between 5 and 17 years

18 years and over

Please select the number of children in each box, e.g. "3". If you do not have children in a category please select "0".

Do	anv	of	vour	children	live	with	vou?
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Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question ' [q78A253]' (Do you have any children whom you support financially?)

Please choose only one of the following:

\bigcirc	Yes
\bigcirc	Shared access
\bigcirc	Weekends/holidays only
\bigcirc	No
\bigcirc	N/A

If you have a child or children living with you, do you consider yourself to be a lone/single parent?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

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

Answer was 'Yes' at question ' [q78A253]' (Do you have any children whom you support financially?) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question ' [q80A260]' (Do any of your children live with you?)

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

Answer was 'Yes' at question ' [q78A253]' (Do you have any children whom you support financially?) *and* Answer was 'Shared access' at question ' [q80A260]' (Do any of your children live with you?)

Please choose only one of the following:

◯ Yes

() No

) N/A

If you require childcare, how satisfied are you with accessibility to childcare facilities?						
Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:						
Answer was 'Yes' at question ' [q78A253]' (Do you have any children whom you support financially?) <i>and</i> Answer was 'Yes' at question ' [q80A260]' (Do any of your children live with you?)						
or Scenario 2						
Answer was 'Yes' at question ' [q78A253]' (Do you have any children whom you support financially?) <i>and</i> Answer was 'Shared access' at question ' [q80A260]' (Do any of your children live with you?)						
Please choose only one of the following:						
◯ Very satisfied						
Satisfied						
O Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied						
O Dissatisfied						
Very dissatisfied						
◯ N/A						
Do you have caring responsibilities for infirm or elderly adult(s)?						
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Please choose only one of the following:						
⊖ Yee						

The RAF would like to understand how Service life affects personal finance. The information could improve training and policy.

If you have been declined credit in the last 12 months, what was the reason for this? (Tick all that apply).

If you have not been declined credit in the last 12 months, please move on to the next question.

Please choose **all** that apply:

Failed credit check.

Lack of UK credit history.

Too many address moves.

Don't know.

Prefer not to say.

Other (please specify below).

Other reason(s)

Please write your answer here:

Do you currently have personal debt levels that concern you?

Please choose only one of the following:

) Yes

) No

Being Part of Society

Are you currently registered to vote?
Please choose only one of the following:
 Yes No Don't know

You can register to vote at the following link: https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

If you are currently registered to vote, are you registered as...?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met: Answer was 'Yes' at question ' [q86A453]' (Are you currently registered to vote?)

Please choose only one of the following:

An ordinary/residential voter - registered for one year, usually via the annual update of voters (annual canvass)

A Service voter - registered for five years, via a Service declaration

An overseas voter - registered for one year, in the same way as a non-Forces British citizen living overseas

If you are not currently registered to vote, what is the main reason for this?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met: Answer was 'No' at question ' [q86A453]' (Are you currently registered to vote?)

Please choose only one of the following:

) I did not receive an electoral registration form

) I have not got around to it, but aim to do it sometime

) I do not know how to register

) I am not interested in politics

) I wish to remain impartial

Other

The 'Armed Forces Covenant' announced by the Government in May 2011, is a promise by the nation ensuring that those who serve or who have served in the Armed Forces, and their families, are treated fairly.

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

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

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

See the following link - https://www.armedforcescovenant.gov.uk - for more information

Which, if any, of the following areas do you feel advantaged/disadvantaged as a Service Person, compared to the general public? (Tick all that apply).

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Strongly advanta		Neither advanta nor ta giss adva	-	Strongl a nliageld a	-
a. Family's access to NHS care.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
b. Children's Education.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
c. Housing.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
d. Family life.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
e. Benefits.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
f. Tax.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
g. Commercial Products and Services (e.g. Home and Car Insurance, Telephone/Media Packages, Access to Credit).	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
h. HM Forces and Veterans- specific financial advice and discounts (e.g. Money Force, Defence Discount Service, Defence Privilege Cards and Joining Forces (Credit Unions)).	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
i. Participation as Citizens (e.g. contacting a local councillor, MP or other public official, attending a public meeting, rally or signing a petition).	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
j. Other (please write below).	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

Other	reason	(s)
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Please write your answer here:

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following?

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Neither agree Strongly nor Strongly agree Agree disagreeDisagreedisagree					
a. I offer an important service to the country.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
b. Members of the Armed Forces are valued by society at large.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

Your Background

Have you ever been a member of a Service Cadet Force (Sea Cadet Corps / Army Cadet Force / Air Training Corps / Combined Cadet Force)?
Please choose only one of the following:
○ Yes○ No

If YES, were you a member of: (tick all that apply)
Only answer this question if the following conditions are met: Answer was 'Yes' at question ' [q92A812]' (Have you ever been a member of a Service Cadet Force (Sea Cadet Corps / Army Cadet Force / Air Training Corps / Combined Cadet Force)?)
Select all that apply
Please choose all that apply:
 Sea Cadet Corps (SCC) Army Cadet Force (ACF) Air Training Corps (ATC) Combined Cadet Forces RN (CCF RN) Combined Cadet Forces Army (CCF Army) Combined Cadet Forces RAF (CCF RAF)

Have you ever been a member of a MOD sponsored Uniformed University Organisation? (Tick all that apply)

Select all that apply Please choose **all** that apply:

Yes: University Royal Navy Unit (URNU).

Yes: University Officer Training Corps (UOTC).

Yes: University Air Squadron (UAS).

No, I have not been a member of a MOD sponsored Uniformed University organisation.

Taking Action

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following? Please choose the appropriate response for each item:								
	Neither agree Strongly nor Strongly Don't agree Agree disagreeDisagreedisagree know							
a. I believe the leaders in the RAF will take action on the results of AFCAS.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		
b. I think effective action has been taken in the RAF on the results of AFCAS.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following? Please choose the appropriate response for each item:							
	Strongl agree	y Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	eDisagr	Strongl eedisagre		
I believe the leaders in the RAF are committed to creating a diverse and inclusive workplace.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0	

Topical Issues

This section of the survey is about specific policy areas that the department is currently working on. The aim is to collect your views on these specific areas to inform the development of new policy and practices.

How satisfied are you with the following? Please choose the appropriate response for each item:							
	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfi	e D issatisf	Very ïe di ssatisfied		
Information about pension benefits (e.g. from Defence Connect, DefNet (Intranet), DINs and Directed Letters).	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		

Where do you go to find information about your pension (e.g. Defence Connect/Forces Pension Society/DefNet (Intranet))?

Please write your answer here:

Topical Issues - Pay and Allowances

Where do you go to find information about your pay (e.g. Defence Connect/Admin/DefNet)?

Please write your answer here:

Where do you go to find information about your allowances?

For example: Longer Separation Allowance (LSA), Get You Home (GYH), Continuity of Education Allowance (CEA), Local Overseas Allowance (LOA), and Food and Incidentals (FIA))?

Please write your answer here:

Topical Issues - Flexible Service

Flexible Service (FS) allows Service Personnel to apply to reduce the number of days worked, restrict their separation, or a combination of both. Reserves will be given improved opportunities to 'dial up' their commitment.

Which of these best sums up your awareness of Flexible Service?

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

- O 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
-) I've heard of it and know a lot about it

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following?

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Strongl agree	y Agree	Neither agree nor Strongly Dor disagreeDisagreedisagree kno			-
a. I think the opportunities offered by Flexible Service will be a positive change within the Armed Forces.	0	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
b. I believe my immediate superior is supportive of Flexible Service.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
c. The culture in my unit would support Flexible Service.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following? (continued) Please choose the appropriate response for each item:								
	Strongl agree	y Agree	Neither agree nor disagre	eDisagro	Strongl eedisagre	-	Not applicable	
d. My subordinates are in jobs where Flexible Service would be possible.	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	0	

Your Comments

Please use this box to provide any further comments about working and living in the RAF. (We suggest that you write your comments in another programme such as MS Word and copy and paste your comments into this box to avoid being timed out and losing your responses on this page).

Please write your answer here:

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Your views are used to inform policy decisions.

If taking part in this survey upsets you, or you wish to talk about any personal issues further, please speak to your Unit Welfare Officer, Chaplain or seek guidance from the SSAFA helpline: 0800 260 6767 (website also at: https://www.ssafa.org.uk/help-you/forcesline).

For further information: Contact Civil Service researcher: Zoe Szuster-Stone at HQ Air Command at Air-COSPers-PolPsychGrpMbox@mod.gov.uk.

05.02.2024 – 23:59 Submit your survey. Thank you for completing this survey.