

The Directorate Children and Young People (DCYP)

What the Team Do

Assistant Director (AD) Policy, Plans and Governance

AD Policy, Plans and Governance is a serving Colonel and is the sole military presence in the Directorate. He supports the Director in ensuring that the overall direction, governance, policy and quality assurance mechanisms are in place across Defence so that Service children and young people are provided with every opportunity to fulfil their potential.

AD Information Support and Advice

Provide advice and guidance to the Director of Children and Young People on issues and policies affecting the well being and attainment of Service children across the UK. Establish and maintain links with UK-wide organisations whose interest is the well-being of Service children and young people. Work with the Service community, Other Government Departments of the Boarding School sector and schools to achieve strategic solutions to issues around access to education and other services for Service children. Also as Head of CEAS, sets the strategic direction for advice, support and information to Service families.

AD Safeguarding

Provide advice and guidance to the Director Children and Young People (D CYP) to develop policies and high level plans. Identify possible risks while monitoring successes and achievements of the Directorate. Contribute towards strengthening partnerships and work practices with those agencies that support the work of the MOD Children and Young People's Trust Board. Lead the Directorate on work with MOD and external partners, on the implementation of improvements to services for Service children and young people.

Personal Assistant (PA) to Director

Provide administrative and clerical support to the Director, including diary management and organising meetings; and support to the whole Directorate.

Policy

Focus for Service children and young people policy to ensure that although content of the policy lies with subject matter experts, there is no duplication of effort or misunderstandings and that policy documents relating to Service children and young people 'talk' to each other, while staying in line with evolving MOD and Government policies.

Commissioning

Monitor and review the delivery of services to Service children and young people across the MOD. Provide support to the Regional Commanders and the Priority Leads for each of the 6 priority areas set out in The MOD Children and Young People's Plan. These priorities focus on specific areas covering a wide spectrum of care for Service children and young people. Maintain a high level framework which will seek to ensure that children and young people are not disadvantaged due to being connected to a Service family.

Communications

The role of the Communications officer is to raise awareness to the wider MOD, Other Government Departments and relevant external audiences including National and Local Authorities and schools, about the role and objectives of DCYP. Promote work carried out by other organisations who are working in partnership with DCYP, for the good of Service children and young people. Ensure that the DCYP webpage content is up to date.

Executive Officer

The Executive Officer's role is to ensure a smooth flow of work requirements among the team. As the first point of contact within the Directorate her aim is to establish and maintain strong working relationships with DCYP's partner agencies and MOD stakeholders. She also provides dedicated support to AD Policy, tracks wider team activities and monitors work deadlines.