

## Help from the Army for Disabled and Additional Needs Dependents

Army General Instruction 108 sets out the policy for the Care of Service Personnel with Disabled and Additional Needs (AN) Dependents. Additional Needs applies equally to adults and children and the AGAI covers Army Policy and National Legislation, as well as clarifying procedures and entitlements.

There are various organisations that can advise and help Service persons with AN dependents: SSAFA-FH have a fully qualified Additional Needs and Disability Advisor (ADNA). The ADNA organises three free holiday per year in the UK, two for disabled children and one for their siblings. A further holiday is held in BFG.

The ADNA also heads up the Forces AN & Disability Support Group, which provided a focus for disability, and AN issues within the Armed Forces.

Service Children's Education (SCE) UK fulfils many of the responsibilities of an Education Authority on behalf of Service children overseas. It can: provide specialist AN education advice as required; act as a link between the Service person and HQ SCE for posting to areas where there are SCE schools; act as the link between Service parents and local Education Authorities; co-ordinate escorts from the British Red Cross to accompany children with AN if they travel to or from overseas on school holidays.