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East Dunbartonshire Council Letter of 29 September 2016

Guidance is provided on how visits to schools by the armed forces should be conducted so that information presented to children takes account of the unique nature of armed forces careers, ensures political balance, and offers a realistic representation of the role of the armed forces and what career in the armed forces involves.

Information is collected to enable public monitoring of the number and location of visits, and comparison with the number of visits by other employers.

Parents and guardians are consulted as to whether they are happy for their child to take part on armed forces activities at schools.

Visits to schools by armed forces is generally undertaken as part of a wider programme linked to careers education/employability education. Schools would normally brief attendees prior to these events to enable them to address the local context. Events such as this would be evaluated and any concerns arising would be addressed. There has been very limited work undertaken in schools to date. Some work has been done around team building skills.

There is no local authority policy for visits from the armed forces. Visits would be undertaken in relation to the key priority of the National Improvement Framework; improvement in employability skills and sustained, positive school leaver destinations for all young people. .

Schools consult with parents about activities which are taking part and should there be any objection by parents then alternative arrangements would be put in place.