



Helen Cooper

Helen is the team leader for the Education Advisory Team (EAT UK) at Defence Children's Services. She is a SME in Education; her role is to advocate for Service Pupils across the UK; providing support and advice to Service Personnel with educational decisions and challenges that they face due to mobility. Helen and her team also provide educational advice, support, and guidance with regards to the Continuity of Education (CEA). She advocates for service pupils with Local Authorities, schools and collaborates with key stakeholders around the UK such as the families' federations and within the MOD.

Helen is a former Headteacher who has taught in both the independent and state sectors. She has a wide range of teaching experience spanning 28 years which has seen her teaching in service schools overseas, the independent sector and the state sector. She has a significant leadership experience in the primary sector. Helen is a qualified Special Educational Needs specialist and experienced SENCO.

Helen has been a military wife and mother and brings this first-hand experience to her current professional role and her role as a Trustee. She understands the challenges that military families face first hand and actively advocates for them. She wants to use both her professional and individual experiences for the benefit of DOYRMS.

In her personal life Helen values spending time with her husband and family. She allocates time to walk daily; she enjoys running, being outside, gardening, and travelling. She enjoys reading, watching films, cooking, and getting together with friends and family.