

# BELINDA LADDS – IMPARTIAL CAREERS ADVISER OFFERING CAREERS INFORMATION, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE

When organising your future plans you must ask yourself:

- What **do you want to do?**
- Why **do you want to do it?**
- Where **do you want to do it?**
- When **do you want to do it?**
- How **are you going to do it?**

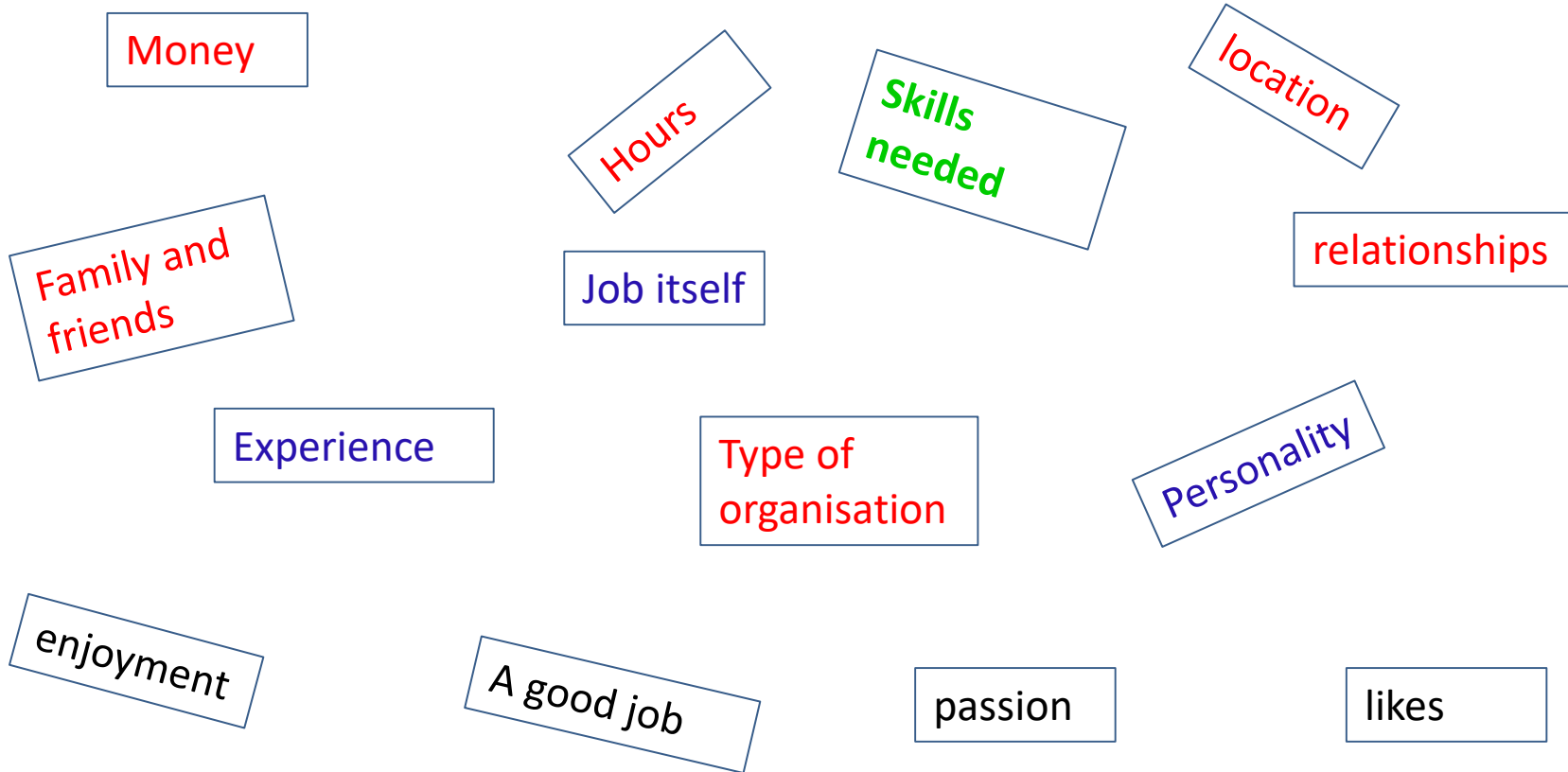
**QUESTIONS  
YOU MAY  
HAVE TODAY?**

# What areas of the public sector can you work in?



- Opportunities in the public services can be broadly categorised into the two main areas of central and local government, which employ around 3.23 million and 2.03 million people respectively (as of June 2019).
- These aren't your only options - you can find work with a number of other public services, but these tend to cross over with other sectors. You could work in:
  - [healthcare](#) - as a [paramedic](#), administrator or [health service manager](#) where you'd typically be employed by the National Health Service (NHS), the sector's biggest recruiter.
  - [law enforcement and security](#) - either in the [Armed Forces](#), fire service or the [police](#).
  - [social care](#) - [social workers](#), carers and [probation officers](#) provide an invaluable public service.
  - [teacher training and education](#) - as a [primary](#), [secondary](#) or [higher education teacher](#).
- Opportunities in administration can be categorised into general, specialist (e.g. legal, educational, agricultural and medical) and professional (e.g. personal assistant or company secretary). Every sector needs administration staff, so you'll be able to find work in a range of settings.

**WHY?** You may have chosen this area because of some of the reasons below:



INTERESTS	WORK PREFERENCES	SKILLS	PERSONALITY
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go to <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>  
 or <https://www.startprofile.com/> To help you with this.

# Recruitment in the Uniformed Public Services

- Army recruitment: <https://apply.army.mod.uk/what-we-offer>
- RAF recruitment: [https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/find-your-role?gclid=Cj0KCQiAh4j-BRCsARIsAGeV12BwO8T0\\_QnIF0e\\_4faf61ori79Eq1lz1xLTgdGzGOSy8aRIkymSQF8aAjw\\_EALw\\_wcB](https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/find-your-role?gclid=Cj0KCQiAh4j-BRCsARIsAGeV12BwO8T0_QnIF0e_4faf61ori79Eq1lz1xLTgdGzGOSy8aRIkymSQF8aAjw_EALw_wcB)
- Navy recruitment: [https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/careers?gclid=Cj0KCQiAh4j-BRCsARIsAGeV12DOs2gomvTW89L27-kOpKJvtaokYXfesAFheJNpUmnB2TywSJsT8hgaAkPzEALw\\_wcB](https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/careers?gclid=Cj0KCQiAh4j-BRCsARIsAGeV12DOs2gomvTW89L27-kOpKJvtaokYXfesAFheJNpUmnB2TywSJsT8hgaAkPzEALw_wcB)
- Police: <https://www.norfolk.police.uk/join-us> Recruitment is always after the age of 18. They prefer you to have had some life experience.
- Paramedic: [https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/ambulance-service-team/roles-ambulance-service/experienced-paramedic?gclid=Cj0KCQiAh4j-BRCsARIsAGeV12Bcn2jBHEyJaHEj6UdYg0N6Omaj0qCfoc0KUJW\\_PZqCSa1\\_0FAyG8waAgoNEALw\\_wcB&gclidsrc=aw.ds](https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/ambulance-service-team/roles-ambulance-service/experienced-paramedic?gclid=Cj0KCQiAh4j-BRCsARIsAGeV12Bcn2jBHEyJaHEj6UdYg0N6Omaj0qCfoc0KUJW_PZqCSa1_0FAyG8waAgoNEALw_wcB&gclidsrc=aw.ds) A university qualification now. UCAS.COM

# Things to remember about uniformed services

- A levels versus vocational courses such as uniformed services or sport.
- Entry dates are reliant on age. Eg Army: 15 yrs 7 months
- Restrictions in place. Ie Asthma, convictions, tattoos.
- Time it takes to process your application.
- Have a back up college course to attend, Either A levels or Vocational course.
- Assessments to include: fitness, stamina, aptitude, Maths and English test. Basic Training

# APPRENTICESHIPS – A REALITY CHECK

## The effect of Covid-19 on apprenticeships

The world is continuing to feel the effects of the coronavirus as we try to navigate through these uncertain times. With the most recent restrictions, job security is a concern once again, especially for apprentices who particularly felt the effects of the first wave of Covid-19. This raises the question, which industries have suffered the most?

Overall, the number of apprenticeship starts between March and May in 2020 dropped by **50% (39,761)** compared to the same period last year. Health and Social Care was the worst-hit industry, with 7,487 fewer starts in 2020 than 2019 (down 50%). But other industries have also seen a decline in apprenticeships: Administration (61%), Business Management (39%), and Child Development (57%) have all felt the effects of the pandemic.

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**ALWAYS HAVE A BACK UP PLAN IN  
CASE YOU DON'T GET AN  
APPRENTICESHIP!**

# Searching for Uniformed Public Service courses in Norfolk

- Go to this website:  
<https://helpyouchoose.org/content/>
- Go to the search engine at the top and use the drop down box to find 16-18 education and then hit search.
- You will see there are over 1400 courses on this website. Use the filter to search for the area of interest ie uniformed services or A levels.
- Look on individual websites suggested to find out more.

# Searching for Uniformed Public Service Courses in Cambridgeshire

- Just like Help You Choose, Cambridgeshire has its own bespoke website where most college courses are listed:  
<https://www.mychoice16.co.uk/>
- Go to “Courses” type in a word like uniformed and it finds all courses. Make sure you know what level you are looking for.



# Searching for Uniformed Public Service Courses outside Norfolk

- <https://www.camre.ac.uk/course-search/?sType=&sCat=&sLoc=&sLevel=&search=uniformed+services&search+button=%C2%A0> – Cambridge Regional College
- <https://www.longroad.ac.uk/courses/> - Long road A level Courses
- <https://www.wsc.ac.uk/find-a-course/16-18-year-olds/vocational-and-applied-diplomas/public-services> - West Suffolk College, Bury St Edmunds
- <https://www.peterborough.ac.uk/courses/subjects/public-uniformed-services/> Peterborough Regional college
- <https://athena-college.co.uk/> A levels plus a full Uniformed services course worth three A levels.

**When?**

# TIMELINE OF ACTIVITIES

## YEAR 11

Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug
<b>Research and careers interviews</b> <b>Visits</b> <b>INFORMATION GATHERING</b>	<b>Register on Help you choose and start applying for courses or training</b>	<b>Continue applications and visits to sixth forms and colleges</b>	<b>Receive interviews for college and sixth forms</b>  <b>Look out for apprenticeships and apply (CV and letters)</b>			<b>Apply for apprenticeships now ready for leaving school.</b>  <b>NB: Always have a back up plan should you not find an apprenticeship</b>			<b>EXAMS</b>		<b>Work experience and continue applications for apprenticeships</b>

<https://helpyouchoose.org/content/>

# HOW will you do it?

- Research thoroughly your area of interest and decide why you have chosen it
- Go to Help You Choose to find out the types of courses available in your chosen area (Norfolk)
- Register on help you choose and start putting courses in your basket
- Apply on Help You Choose or at Cambridge Colleges/sixth forms
- You will receive an email confirming receipt
- You will get an email from the colleges and sixth forms you have applied to inviting you for interview