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**ADF CADET ACCESS TO SEMPRO RESPONSE AND SUPPORT
FROM 31 OCTOBER 2016**

1. The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse included an examination of the ADF Cadet (ADFC) policies and practices during the period 2000 to present. During the Defence case in June 2016, there was significant scrutiny of ADFC processes and management practices. In response to issues related to ADFC management of allegations of sexual abuse and youth safety incidents, CDF directed the exploration of expanding the SeMPRO support service to the ADFC.
2. A twelve month pilot program of an expanded SeMPRO service to include the ADFC will commence on 31 October 16. Services will include:
 - a. advice on the management of incidents of sexual misconduct, including sexual offences,
 - b. assistance with appropriate referrals for support for all people involved in, or witness to an incident; and
 - c. support to, and the debriefing of Commanders, Managers and Supervisors including ADFC.
3. Access to SeMPRO services will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week by calling 1800 SeMPRO (1800 736 776) or via email to SeMPRO: sempro@defence.gov.au
4. Access to SeMPRO services will be provided to all Officers and Instructors of Cadets, all adult volunteers involved with ADFC, all cadets, and the families of cadets for issues related to their ADFC experience.

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5. Additional information regarding ADFC Access to SeMPRO services can be obtained by emailing the Defence Youth Group email address at defence.youth@defence.gov.au.



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