

Family number	Child, age and position in family	Family make-up	Experience of deployment / which parent deployed	Lengthy training sessions	Notes
Family 9	Andrew (4) and Toby (2)	Mother (Veronica) Father (Lewis) Justin (1)	Once (father) 12 months prior to data collection	Yes	The father's deployment was remembered by Andrew, whereas Toby remembers events that happened during that time and can link the two.
Family 10	Ivan (3)	Mother (Tahlia) Father (Alex)	Once (father)	Yes	The father deployed when Ivan was a toddler
Family 11	Natalie (3.5)	Mother (Lisa) Father (Owen)	Once (father) who returned 12 months prior to data collection	Yes	The father's deployment was something Natalie found difficult to remember

8.2. Summary of the findings

The original research question of ‘What are young children’s understandings and experiences of parental deployment within an ADF family?’ has been examined throughout the previous chapters. The data has revealed several themes in each area of the experiences of the children.

Within the results chapters, I examined either two children at a time or a few families at a time, whereas in this chapter I draw together the overarching findings for comparison and thematic analysis. While children’s experiences varied depending upon circumstances, family and age, common themes emerged within the results. The findings about the children’s experiences are summarised in the [presentation](#) that can be accessed at:

http://prezi.com/xcmsy_4dr5p4/?utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=copy . These are also displayed as a summary in Table 8.2 at the end of the related sections.