Much of what our military does is unseen but, whether over the horizon or under the sea, our Armed Forces are as important as ever. Defence in Numbers paints a picture of their vast contribution.

Our people are in every part of the globe: helping our Ukrainian allies defend against Russian aggression; liberating Eastern Syria from Daesh; guarding international trade in the Gulf; and maintaining the 50-year vigil of our undersea deterrent, silent, and undetected. Those Trident submarines are British made – a reminder that our military strength is built on a world-class Defence industry.

This publication shows that the sector directly supports more than 100,000 jobs across the four nations of the United Kingdom and many more in the supply chain. It is expert in everything from shipbuilding and armoured vehicles to missiles and aerospace. And that it is the 2nd largest defence exporter in the world.

For all UK Defence’s success, we cannot be complacent. Since I left the Army 21 years ago war fighting has changed beyond recognition. The dangers come from terrorists, aggressor states and new technologies such as drones, satellites and Artificial Intelligence. But, in these pages you’ll see how the UK’s responding.

Our budget is rising to almost £41.5bn by 2020/21. Our NATO contribution is at 2.1 per cent of GDP – cementing our position as Europe’s leading Alliance member. And with an extra £2.2bn to spend this year and next we’ll be bringing in Type 31 Global Combat Ships, anti-submarine frigates and a new national cyber force.

Our F35s are ready for global missions. Our flagship carriers are taking to sea. Our modern, innovative, 21st century future force is emerging.

Seventy-five years ago, our brave British heroes were storming the Normandy beaches to liberate our continent from Nazism. The dangers we face today are very different. But we’re guaranteeing Defence not only remains the spine of our nation but the tip of the spear for a resurgent Global Britain.
What We Spend

In 2018/19:

- The MOD spent **£38.0 billion**.
- **£15.9 billion** was allocated to Defence Equipment and Support.
- Our Defence expenditure as a percentage of National GDP is **2.1%**.

This puts us **THIRD** in NATO. The current top ten are:

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<td>USA</td>
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<td>Greece</td>
<td>4.9%</td>
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<td>UK</td>
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Source: NATO Defence Expenditures of NATO Countries (2012-2019)
MOD Departmental Resources 2019
The Government is investing an additional £2.2 billion in Defence over this year and next. This represents an increase of 2.6% above inflation between 2019/20 and 2020/21. This additional funding ensures we continue to exceed our NATO commitment to spend 2% of GDP on Defence.

We have a £39 billion Defence budget in 2019/20 and with the additional funding announced at Spending Round 19, this will rise to almost £41.5 billion by 2020/21. This cements the UK’s position as the leading European ally in NATO, remaining, by far, the largest NATO Defence spender in Europe in absolute terms.

Source: MOD

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**Future Defence Spending**

**Planned Expenditure on Equipment and Support between 2019 to 2029**

- **Submarines** £46.7 billion
- **Information Systems and Services** £24.0 billion
- **Land Equipment** £19.5 billion
- **Ships** £19.3 billion
- **Air Support** £18.4 billion
- **Combat Air** £17.1 billion
- **Weapons** £14.7 billion
- **Helicopters** £10.8 billion
- **Intelligence, Surveillance, Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance** £5.7 billion

Source: Defence Equipment Plan 2019
UK F-35 Lightning jets landing, taking off and hovering onboard Britain’s next generation aircraft carrier, HMS Queen Elizabeth for the first time.

The Type 45 destroyer HMS Dragon is also pictured.

The landings on HMS Queen Elizabeth are part of the ‘WESTLANT 19’ Carrier Strike Group deployment. Once fully operational, UK Carrier Strike Group will be a formidable force around the world, using a number of platforms to work alongside our allies.
**Protect Our People**

Our notable achievements include:

- **Supported the liberation of Eastern Syria from Daesh.**
- **£1.5 billion** invested in Dreadnought Submarine Programme delivery phase since April 2018.
- Provided military aid to the civil authorities on over 120 occasions, including counter-drone activity at Gatwick.
- **Celebrated 50 years of Continuous At Sea Deterrence.**
- In the Caribbean and Atlantic the RFA seized or disrupted **1.4 metric tonnes** of cocaine and cannabis, worth over £45 million.

**People are at the heart of Defence capability, and we continue to invest in our Regular and Reserve Armed Forces and our Civil Service.**

### Regular Trained Strength* and Civilian as at 1 October 2019

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<th>Force</th>
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<td>ROYAL NAVY / ROYAL MARINES</td>
<td>29,010</td>
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<td>RAF</td>
<td>29,860</td>
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<td>CIVILIAN</td>
<td>73,470</td>
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### Future Reserves 2020 Trained Strength as at 1 October 2019

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<td>MARITIME RESERVE</td>
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<td>RAF RESERVES</td>
<td>2,660</td>
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<td>ARMY RESERVE</td>
<td>27,250</td>
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*Defined as Military Full-Time Trained (RN/RM and RAF) and Trade Trained (Army) Strength.

Our Regular Forces are located around the world:

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<th>Region</th>
<th>Personnel</th>
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<td>Total</td>
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<td>UK</td>
<td>136,190</td>
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<td>Europe (exc. UK)</td>
<td>5,980</td>
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<td>Asia (exc. Middle East)</td>
<td>290</td>
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<td>North Africa/Middle East</td>
<td>390</td>
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<td>Sub Saharan Africa</td>
<td>320</td>
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<td>North America</td>
<td>1,100</td>
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<td>Central America/Caribbean</td>
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<td>10</td>
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<td>South Atlantic</td>
<td>50</td>
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<td>Oceania</td>
<td>60</td>
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<td>Unallocated</td>
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The UK Regular Forces comprises trained and untrained personnel and excludes Gurkhas, Full Time Reserve Service personnel and mobilised reservists. Personnel deployed on operations and temporary assignments are shown against their permanent stationed location. As such figures for locations such as North Africa / Middle East & South Atlantic exclude large numbers of personnel deployed in those locations.

Source: MOD Location of UK Regular Service and Civilian Personnel Annual Statistics 2019
## Key Global Military Commitments

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<th>Description</th>
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<td>Counter Daesh</td>
<td>Around 1,200 personnel deployed and because of coalition action Daesh’s physical caliphate has been defeated.</td>
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<td>Estonia</td>
<td>Around 1,000 personnel deployed on operations in Estonia as part of NATO’s Enhanced Forward Presence and NATO’s Enhanced Air Policing.</td>
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<td>Poland</td>
<td>Around 150 currently deployed as part of NATO’s Enhanced Forward Presence.</td>
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<td>Afghanistan</td>
<td>Around 1,100 troops and 3 RAF Puma helicopters deployed in support of NATO operations.</td>
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<td>Cyprus</td>
<td>Around 260 currently deployed in support of UN operations.</td>
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<td>Somalia</td>
<td>Commitment to deploy up to 100 at any one time in support of EU and UN operations.</td>
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<td>South Sudan</td>
<td>Around 300 currently deployed in support of UN operations.</td>
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<td>Nigeria</td>
<td>Around 100 personnel deployed in support of the Nigerian Government and counter Boko Haram operations.</td>
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<td>Mali</td>
<td>3 RAF CH47 Chinook helicopters and 85 personnel deployed supporting French operations.</td>
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Source: MOD and MOD Annual Report & Accounts 2018/19

## Operation KIPION

The UK has a long-standing maritime presence in the Gulf and the Indian Ocean. As at August 2019 we had:

### CURRENT DEPLOYMENT

- 1 x Type 23 - HMS Montrose
- 4 x MCMV
- 1 x LSDA - RFA Cardigan Bay

### IN TRANSIT

- 1 x Type 45 - HMS Duncan

### FUTURE DEPLOYMENTS

- 1 x Tanker - RFA Wave Knight
- 1 x Type 23 - HMS Kent

Source: MOD
We are investing in our Cyber and Space capabilities:

- **Investment of over £40 million** in developing a new Cyber Security Operations Capability (CSOC).

- We will invest **£50 million** of the core Science and Technology research programme between now and 2024 into a five-year Space Programme, delivered by Dstl.

Source: MOD Annual Report & Accounts 2018/19
We’ve helped to train over 94,000 Iraqi Security Forces.

We are the coalition lead support for the Afghan National Army Officer Academy which has trained around 4,300 graduates, including almost 250 women.

Over 13,000 Ukrainian personnel trained/mentored.

Number of International Defence Training places offered to other nations:

- 1,397 in 2015
- 1,964 in 2016
- 2,240 in 2017
- 2,269 in 2018

Source: MOD Annual Report & Accounts 2018/19

In 2018/19 we signed 23 new Foreign Military Sales agreements with the USA for a total value of $328 million. Notable cases include:

- Reaper Contractor Logistics Support: $148 million
- Tomahawk Land Attack Missile Support: $93 million
- Phalanx Upgrade: $44 million
- Reaper Training: $13 million
- P-8A Sonobuoys: $16 million
- F-18 Pilot Training: $14 million

Source: MOD Annual Report & Accounts 2018/19
255 D-Day veterans attended National Commemorative event in Portsmouth.

Supported by 4,600 military personnel, joined by allies from the US, France and Germany.

Her Majesty The Queen and The Prince of Wales joined the Prime Minister and other world leaders to pay tribute.

Allied forces began their invasion of Normandy with the largest combined naval, air and land assault in history, formally known as Operation OVERLORD.

More than 130,000 Allied troops landed in Normandy.

Allied air forces flew over 14,000 sorties in support of the landings.

By the end of the 6th June, the RAF had delivered 4,310 paratroopers to Normandy.

Source: MOD
Promote Our Prosperity

We are proud to be one of the largest deliverers of apprenticeships in the UK.

We achieved the target of enrolling 50,000 apprentices in the MOD, 16 months ahead of the target date.

There are 128,000 cadets in the UK, supported by 28,000 Cadet Force Adult Volunteers.

We have committed £50 million to increase the total number of cadet units in schools across the UK to 500 by 2020 – and there are already over 450 units parading.

In 2018/19, MOD direct expenditure with UK industry supported 119,000 jobs. Which include:

- Technical, Financial Services & Other Business Services (including R&D, Equipment testing, Education and Healthcare): 42,200 jobs
- Shipbuilding and Repair: 22,000 jobs
- Computer Services: 6,500 jobs
- Other Manufacturing: 6,300 jobs
- Construction: 6,300 jobs
- Weapons and Ammunition: 6,500 jobs
- Hotels, Catering and Restaurants: 5,600 jobs

Source: MOD and MOD Annual Report & Accounts 2018/19
Source: MOD Regional Expenditure with Industry 2018/19
Our defence industry is the 2nd largest defence exporter in the world.

With 19% of the global export value over the last 10 years, predominantly to the Middle East:

- Middle East: 60%
- Europe: 11%
- Asia Pacific: 18%
- North America: 9%
- Africa: 1%
- Latin America: 1%

Source: MOD Regional Expenditure with Industry 2018/19

Source: UK Defence and Security Export Statistics 2018
To support innovation we have:

- **Funded 228 proposals** worth £36 million through the Defence and Security Accelerator.
- **Funded 70 projects** worth £17 million through the Defence Innovation fund.
- **Spent £1.6 billion** on Research and Development in 2017/18.

Source: MOD Annual Report & Accounts 2018/19

Managing the Department of State

The Ministry of Defence supports the fair treatment and reward of all staff irrespective of gender.

The gender pay gap shows the difference in the average pay between all men and women in a workforce.

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<th>For every pound earned by men, women earned:</th>
<th>UK National Average</th>
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<td>83p</td>
<td>90p</td>
<td>99p</td>
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Source: MOD Gender Pay Gap Report 2019

ONS Gender Pay Gap 2019

The department is also committed to developing a more inclusive culture within Defence and a diverse workforce at all levels.

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<th>MOD Main Civilian Personnel</th>
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<td>Female representation</td>
<td>43.0% (up 2.6 percentage points since October 2015)</td>
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<td>BAME representation</td>
<td>5.4% (up 1.3 percentage points since October 2015)</td>
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Source: MOD Civilian Personnel Biannual Diversity Dashboard 2019 and MOD UK Armed Forces Biannual Diversity Statistics 2019
The Armed Forces Covenant is a promise by the nation ensuring that those who serve or who have served in the Armed Forces, and their families, are treated fairly.

**IN DELIVERING THE ARMED FORCES COVENANT...**

HM Government provide **£10 million** per year to support Covenant delivery through the Covenant Fund administered by the independent Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust.

The Covenant reached **4,000 signatories** in 2019.

**£2.4 million** was allocated through the Covenant Fund Trust to 150 projects at the local level.

For defence, sustainability is about ensuring that we have the people, equipment, training and resources to deliver our objectives, whilst protecting the environment, our societies values and promoting UK prosperity.

_We are currently meeting the Greenhouse Gas reduction target (42% reduction against target of 39.9%) and the target of reducing the amount of waste going to landfill (7% compared with a target of less then 10%)_

_We have made a 10% reduction in water consumption (against a target of 15%)_

_We are making progress on the domestic flight target (21% reduction against a 30% target) and the paper reduction target (33% against a 50% target)_

Source: MOD Annual Report & Accounts 2018/19
The Career Transistion Partnership supports Service leavers in their transition from military to civilian life through a range of career and employment support services.

Over 14,500 Armed Forces Service leavers were eligible to use the CTP in 2018/19. Of those who did, 86% reported they were employed within 6 months. With the following breakdown by service:

**Naval Service**
- Employed: 88%
- Unemployed: 4%
- Economically inactive: 8%

**Army**
- Employed: 85%
- Unemployed: 8%
- Economically inactive: 8%

**RAF**
- Employed: 88%
- Unemployed: 4%
- Economically inactive: 7%

Economically inactive personnel are those who self reported as not being in full-time or part-time paid employment, and were not actively seeking employment at time of follow up. Reasons for economic activity include being in full-time or part-time education, travelling, looking after family and retirement.

Source: Career Transition Partnership ex-service personnel employment outcomes 2018/19