

## Deputy Director Service Prosecution Biography

### Mr Darren Reed

Darren Reed is the current Deputy Director Service Prosecutions. Darren joined the Royal Navy in 1995. After training at Britannia Royal Naval College, where he was awarded a College sword, he served in a variety of Ships and shore establishments, before being selected for legal training in 2000. He was called to the Bar (Middle Temple) in 2003 and, following a pupillage at 18 Red Lion Court, was posted to the Naval Prosecuting Authority. On completion of the Logistics Command Course, he was appointed as the Logistics Officer of HMS ENDURANCE and deployed with her to Antarctica in 2006/7. On his return he took up a post as the Legal Adviser at the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation's Maritime Command in Northwood, before being promoted Commander and being deployed to US Naval Central Command, Bahrain as the Command Legal Adviser to the Combined Maritime Forces. He was then appointed a senior prosecuting advocate at the Service Prosecuting Authority before serving as Deputy Legal Adviser to the Commander of the International Security Assistance Force in Kabul, Afghanistan. Following a period working in the Discipline, Conduct and Legislation area of the Ministry of Defence, he was promoted to Acting Captain and headed the Operational Offences Prosecution Team, working closely with those investigating allegations of war crimes arising out of UK forces' actions in Afghanistan and Iraq. He retired from the Regular Royal Navy in 2016 to take up the newly created civil service position of Deputy Director Service Prosecutions. A graduate of the Royal College of Defence Studies, Darren was appointed a Recorder (Crime) in 2019.