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Thank you for your email of 16 September 2016 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked for a list of:

Senior officials (departmental heads and officials above) who were responsible for counter narcotics policies in Afghanistan between the period 2001-4 and 2009-11.

We have now completed the search for the information which you requested. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) does hold information relevant to your request and we are releasing the names of officials in the senior civil service (Annex A).

Between 2001 and 2004, the department responsible for counter narcotics was the Drugs and International Crime Department (DICD) within the Directorate for International Security. After 2005, responsibility transferred to the cross-Whitehall, FCO-hosted, Afghan Drugs Inter Departmental Unit (ADIDU), which subsequently became the Afghan Drugs and Justice Unit (ADJU), in Afghanistan Department, which fell under the South Asia and Afghanistan Directorate (SAAD).

Until 2005, supervisory responsibility for the relevant Directors lay with the Director General, Defence and Intelligence and, after 2005, with the Director General, Political.

The head of the FCO's civil service is the Permanent Under-Secretary (PUS). Under FOI Section 21 we do not need to release these names because this information is already accessible, for example, at gov.uk: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/pus-data>.

Under the terms of the Bonn Agreement 2001, the UK assumed the lead as Afghanistan's partner nation in counter narcotics on behalf of the G8 countries until 2010 when, under ministerial direction, the FCO, and our partners in government, relinquished this responsibility.

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Yours sincerely,

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Director General Defence and Intelligence

Stephen Wright, 2001-2002

William Ehrman, 2003-2004

Director, International Security

William Ehrman, 2001-2002

Edward Oakden, 2003-2004

Head Drugs and International Crime Department

Michael Ryder, 2001-2003

Lesley Pallett, 2004

Director General Political

Mark Lyall Grant, 2007-2009

Geoffrey Adams, 2009-2011

Director, South Asia and Afghanistan Directorate

Adam Thomson, 2006-2009

Karen Pierce, 2009-2011

Head, Afghan Drugs Inter Departmental Unit

Jessica Irvine, 2008-2009

David Slinn, 2009-1010

Head, Afghanistan Department, responsible for Afghan Drugs and Justice Unit

Paul Fox, 2010-2012