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Reply to: [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 16 May 2018 requesting the following information:

*"Can I ask who is the new Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff (Military Operations) in succession to Lt Gen Carleton-Smith?"*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI Act). The Ministry of Defence (MOD) holds information relevant to your request.

The successor to Lt Gen Carleton-Smith has been selected. However, the information you have requested is exempt from release under Section 22 of the FOI Act (Information intended for future publication) because the selection is currently subject to agreement by the Prime Minister, followed by approval of Her Majesty The Queen. The appointment will be announced by the relevant Service Secretary and published in the UK's official public record, known as 'The Gazette' shortly afterwards.

Under Section 16 of the FOI Act (Advice and Assistance) I can advise that following approval and announcement; the appointment will be published in the official public record at this link: <https://www.thegazette.co.uk/>

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely,

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