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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail of 1 March 2022 in which you requested the following information:

- "1) The latest RAF Senior Appointments 28 February 2022 states "Group Captain J A Beck OBE to be promoted Air Commodore and to be Assistant Chief of Staff Capability Strategy, Headquarters Air Command in May 2022" is this a new position? <https://www.raf.mod.uk/our-organisation/senior-appointments/>*
- 2) Who has succeeded Air Commodore I J Townsend as Assistant Chief of Staff Capability Development since he became Assistant Chief of Staff (Capability Delivery, Combat Air)?"*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

Assistant Chief of Staff Capability Strategy is not a new appointment. The position changed name from Assistant Chief of Staff Capability Development during Air Commodore (Air Cdre) Townsend's tenure and will be filled by Group Captain Beck when he is promoted to Air Cdre.

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

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Yours sincerely,

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