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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 8<sup>th</sup> November requesting the following information:

“Could you please provide mw with up to date names, job titles and email addresses for your Senior IT staff, such as;

Chief Information Officer  
Chief Digital Officer  
Chief Technology Officer  
Head of Digital Transformation  
Director of IT / ICT / IM&T / Digital / Information / Technology  
Head of IT / ICT / IM&T / Digital / Information / Technology  
IT / ICT / IM&T / Digital / Information / Technology Manager  
Chief / Deputy Operating Officer  
Head / Director of Cyber Security  
ICT Project Manager  
ICT Programme Manager  
Network Manager / Head / Director  
ICT Infrastructure  
ICT Business Manager  
Head of IT Procurement  
ICT Officer  
ICT Network Officer”

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 within the UKHO, and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found below, but some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemptions provided for at sections 40 (Personal Data).

The UKHO has the following Senior IT staff:

Chief Technology Officer – Terry Makewell (this is already publicly available information)  
Deputy CIO  
Head of Data Science and Engineering  
Programme Manager  
Transformation Programme Manager  
Deputy Chief Technology Officer

Section 40(2) has been applied to some of the information in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 2018. Section 40(2) requires the Department to conduct a balancing exercise, this exercise involves balancing the rights and interests of individuals against the legitimate interests in disclosure, this is not the same as carrying out the public interest test associated with certain exemptions in FOIA. The balancing exercise is carried out in order to decide whether the absolute exemption in section 40(2) is engaged. In particular, there is no assumption of disclosure in the legitimate interests test, as there is with qualified exemptions. The outcome of the balancing exercise lay in withholding the third-party personal data identified in the attached information.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for 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.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

UKHO Secretariat