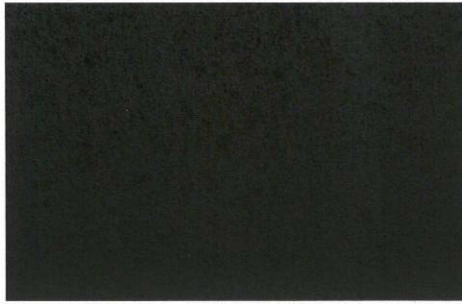




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Dear [REDACTED],

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 18 November 2020 in which you requested the following information:

Which higher commands do the following commanders report to?

- 1) Commandant General Royal Marines
- 2) Flag Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland
- 3) Flag Officer Reserves - does this post still exist?
- 4) Assistant Chief of the Naval Staff (Capability)
- 5) Assistant Chief of the Naval Staff (Submarines)
- 6) Chief of Staff, Integrated Change Programme
- 7) Medical Director-General (Naval)
- 8) Commander/Commanding Officer Admiralty Interview Board
- 9) Commanding Officer Naval Careers Service
- 10) Commanding Officer Naval Education Service
- 11) Director Naval Nursing Service

12) Head of the Naval Nursing Service

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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

In response to part one of your request, the Commandant General Royal Marines reports to the Fleet Commander.

In response to parts two and five of your request, as a result of the Navy Transformation Programme, the combined 2* Rear Admiral post of Assistant Chief of the Naval Staff (ACNS) (Submarines)(SM), Flag Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland (FOSNI) and Rear Admiral Submarines has been disestablished.

The ACNS (SM) role and Rear Admiral Submarines roles have been de-enriched to Commodore and retitled Deputy Director Submarines and Commodore Submarine Service. The role of Flag Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland role has been retitled as Senior Naval Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland (SNOSNI) and is currently held by 1* Deputy Director Submarines. The future of the FOSNI role remains under review.

In response to part three of your request, the post of Flag Officer Reserves was associated with the Naval Secretary however the title is no longer in use. The Naval Secretary is now the Director People and Training and reports to Second Sea Lord.

In response to part four of your request, the post of Assistant Chief of the Naval Staff (Capability) has been rebranded under Navy Transformation to Director Development and reports to Second Sea Lord.

In response to part six of your request, the post of Chief of Staff, Integrated Change Programme is no longer in use. The position was temporary, established in 2014 to deliver the new Navy Command Operating Model and was end-dated in 2015.

In response to part seven of your request, the post of Medical Director General (Navy) was held by a Surgeon Rear-Admiral. The post was de-enriched to Commodore in 2015 and is currently titled as Head of RN Naval Medical Services and reports to Director of People and Training (Dir P&T).

In response to part eight of your request, Commander/Commanding Officer Admiralty Interview Board (AIB) is now referred to as Commander AIB and reports to Captain Naval Recruiting.

In response to part nine of your request, the term of Commanding Officer Naval Careers Service is not in use. The post associated with being the Head of the Naval Careers Service is Captain Naval Recruiting and reports to Dir (P&T).

In response to part ten of your request, this term ceased to exist in 1978. Education and Training is now headed by either a Captain RN or Colonel Royal Marine as Head of Naval Training and reports to Dir (P&T).

In response to parts eleven and twelve of your request, the term Director Naval Nursing Service and is now known as Head of the Naval Nursing Service and reports to Dir (P&T).

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). 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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