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Dear ,

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 4 June 2021 in which you requested the following information:

1. Could you please provide a list of the paint colours used (using British Standard Colour references if possible; otherwise whichever other references are applicable) for the 'dazzle' paint scheme recently applied to the offshore patrol vessel HMS TAMAR? This list should cover the colours used for all major external surfaces, including decks.
2. If available, could you provide a scan of any plan or similar used by the dockyard to apply this scheme? If possible, could you also please state whether or not any plan you are able to provide can be republished under the terms of the Open Government Licence?
3. Could you please advise what are the usual paint colours applied to the external surfaces of Royal Navy surface warships?

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

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

In response to question one of your request, information regarding the paint colours and paint codes used for the Royal Navy (RN) ship HMS TAMAR can be found in the table below:

### Paint Colours and Paint Codes Used for the RN Ship HMS TAMAR:

Shade Number	Paint Colour	British Standard Paint Code (BS)
1	Light Weather Work Grey	BS381C 676
2	Medium Sea Grey	BS381C 637
3	Dazzle Grey	Interfine 629HS, HYE29A/A
4	Dark Weather Work Grey	BS381C 677
5	Black	BS 4800 00-E-53

Please be advised the third colour referred to as Dazzle Grey is a bespoke colour from International paint and therefore does not have a British Standard (BS) reference.

With regard to question two of your request in relation to the paint scheme plan, please be advised that production of this plan remains ongoing with our contractor. Therefore, no recorded information of the finalised plan is held by the MOD at this time.

In response to question three, I can tell you that the normal paint colour used for RN ships is Light Weather Work Grey - reference BS381C 676.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Duty to Provide Advice and Assistance), in view of the nature of your request, you may find the publication titled 'Warpaint' which is a biannual technical publication offering advice and guidance on coatings for application to Royal Naval surface ships and submarines of interest. It is available via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/warpaint>

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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