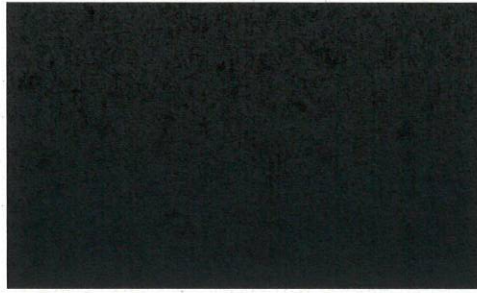




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Dear [Redacted],

Release of Information

Further to our correspondence of 3 April 2020, I am now in a position to provide you with a substantive response to your request for the following information:

'Thank you for FOI2020/02646. Can I further ask:

1) A) Which higher commander does ACOS Maritime Warfare report to? B) What are the responsibilities of this new post, and how does it differ from the current ACOS Warfare?

2) The March 2020 edition of Navy News mentions a 'Director People and Training'. How will this affect current posts such as Naval Secretary and Flag Officer Sea Training?'

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

As explained in our interim response, a search was completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and it was confirmed that the information in scope of your request that is held by the Department may fall within the scope of the qualified exemption under Section 26 (Defence) of the Act. On further consideration, it has been determined that Section 26 (Defence) does not apply on this occasion and no longer applies to your request.

In response to part one of your request, I can advise that Assistant Chief of Staff Maritime Warfare (ACOS MARWAR) reports to Commander UK Strike Forces. The role of ACOS (MARWAR) encompasses the previous duties of ACOS(Warfare) in that it provides warfare advice within Navy Command Headquarters and acts as a single-entry point for end users of the fleet's warfighting capability. The role also supports the 2* Director Development in his

responsibility for the Navy Command Transformation Programme output of Operational Advantage in the North Atlantic.

With regard to part two of your request, I can advise that the Director People and Training post also holds the title and responsibilities of the Naval Secretary. Leadership of the Collective Training Organisation will sit under the 1* Commander Fleet Operational Sea Training, reporting directly to the Fleet Commander for warfighting standards but working with the 2* Commander UK Strike Force and the 2* Director Force Generation to ensure Collective Training meets the demand.

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 (email CIO-FOI-IR@mod.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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