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Dear [Redacted],

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 20 April 2020 in which you requested the following information:

- '1) With reference to FOI 2020/02009, Has a replacement for Commander, Initial/Core Training and Recruitment, Royal Navy been selected and who is the officer?
- 2) Has there been a new replacement for Head, People Capability, Navy Command or is the appointment still interim held by Naval Assistant to the Naval Secretary?
- 3) Have the Devonport and Portsmouth flotilla commanders merged as per the First Sea Lord's Christmas message, or who has taken command in succession to [Redacted] (ref [Redacted])
- 4) Will the Commander Faslane flotilla post also be removed as part of the Navy Command restructuring and if so, who will replace [Redacted]?'

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 now 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 position of Commander Initial/Core Training and Recruitment has ceased to exist and has not been replaced. The role of Captain Naval Recruiting has been replaced by the Head of Recruiting and those roles and responsibilities

relating to recruiting previously held by Commander Core Training have been subsumed into this new role. The remainder of the responsibilities have been incorporated into the new Headquarters for Directorate People & Training.

In response to part two of your request, the position of Assistant Chief of Staff People Capability has ceased to exist. As part of the restructuring of Navy Command, and the creation of the People & Training Directorate, a new position of Deputy Director People Delivery has been created. This position is currently held by [REDACTED].

In response to part three of your request, the positions of Commander Portsmouth Flotilla and Commander Devonport Flotilla have merged into the position of Commander Surface Flotilla. This position is currently held by [REDACTED].

In response to part four of your request, the position of Commander Faslane Flotilla has ceased to exist and has been replaced by the position of Commander Submarine Flotilla. This position is currently held by [REDACTED].

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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