

## Captain Jo Deakin OBE CEng FIMechE RN



Capt Deakin joined the Royal Navy in 1994. As an Air Engineer Officer she has undertaken diverse roles within the Air Engineer sphere including: operational engineer on 849 (Sea King Mk 7) Sqn, 702 and 815 (Lynx) Sqns; Ship Aviation trials officer for the modification of RN Warships to accept the Merlin helicopter; Engineering Authority for helicopter engines; Charge engineer in 820 (Merlin) Sqn on operations in the Gulf; project lead for the operational integration of the RAF's Puma 2 helicopter; 2-I-C of the Royal Naval Air Engineering School.

Following promotion to Commander in 2013, she has served as portfolio manager for the tri-service Defence College of Technical Training; the last Principal Aircraft Engineer in OP Herrick responsible for all UK military helicopters and UAVs including the staged withdrawal from Camp Bastion and Kandahar and establishment of an enduring detachment in Kabul and Fleet AEO responsible for RN AE policy and training. A career highlight was serving as Cdr Air Engineering at RNAS Yeovilton, responsible for 9 aircraft types, manager of 550 RN maintainers and training provider for Phase 2B and Phase 3 training.

Selected for promotion to Captain in Apr 19, she was the RN Chief Aircraft Engineer for two and half years. She has just completed the Royal College of Defence Studies course in Security and Strategic for Global Leaders.

She is an alumnus of Windsor Leadership, was awarded an OBE in the 2017 New Year's Honours list and in 2018 undertook a professional placement with Ernst Young Consultants as a trailblazer for the RN's personal development programme. Her spare time is spent skiing, sailing, gun dog training and supporting STEM activities.