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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE (MDP)

The Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) Headquarters and training centre is based at Wethersfield, an 800 acre site near Braintree, Essex. The Force (about 2600 strong) supplies armed protective policing across the Defence Estate, in particular at the nuclear weapons establishments at Aldermaston in Berkshire and at the nuclear submarine base at Faslane on the west coast of Scotland.

Specialist roles within the Force include marine policing at the Naval Bases (Portsmouth, Plymouth Devonport and the Clyde); police dog handlers; and a Criminal Investigation Department (CID).

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DEFENCE MARINE SERVICES (DMS)

Defence Marine Services (DMS) is part of the ACNS(Spt) business area within Navy Command and manages two PFI contracts for:

- Provision of Marine Services within SD Marine Services Ltd (SDMS).
- Provision of Marine Support to Range Safety and Aircrew Training with Smit International (Scotland) Limited (Smit), who are part of the Boskalis Westminster Group.

Users include Navy Command, Land Forces, Air Command, Centre, Defence Infrastructure Organisation and Chief of Joint Operations (CBF Cyprus and CBF Gibraltar).

Marine services are provided through a 15-year service provision PFI contract with SDMS that was let in 2007.

Marine services embrace a wide range of waterborne and associated support activities, both in-port and out-of-port:

- In-port activities take place at the Royal Navy's major bases at Portsmouth, Devonport and on the Clyde, and include tugs for ship movements, ferry operations, movements and explosives, lighterage and barges.
- Out-of-port activities include the provision of support to military exercises; UK and worldwide maritime trials and training; including NATO Submarine Rescue System (NSRS) training, support to maritime ranges, BUTEC to Kyle of Lochalsh; and the maintenance of some 350 moorings and navigational marks around the UK and in Gibraltar and Cyprus.

SDMS manages, operates and maintains around 110 vessels to deliver these services and support additional commercial tasks providing third-party income for the MOD. The contractual arrangements with SDMS provide modern marine services, delivering a fleet of vessels capable of handling current and future warships and submarines at an optimum level of efficiency. Serco also has a fully HSE-compliant dive team for underwater engineering support.

The service for Marine Support to Range Safety and Aircrew Training is provided by Smit (Scotland) Limited and runs until April 2018.

The service provides the following outputs to tri-Service users at seven locations around the UK coast:

- Provision of a range safety craft service on seven DIO live firing ranges.
- Provision of a vessel winching platform for an RAF SAR training establishment and a number of Joint Helicopter Force units.
- Provision of a ferrying service and safety boat for tri-Service aircrew sea survival drills.
- Provision of marine target towing for RAF fast jets (MTT), and Navy Command Maritime Sniper Training (MST).
- Provision of craft for Navy Command boarding exercises, simulation of arms and drug smuggling activities and force protection exercises involving both Fast Attack Craft (FAC) and Fast Inshore Attack Craft (FIAC).

Smit manages and operates a total of 14 fast patrol type craft in support of Range Safety and Aircrew Training.

Facilities exist within the contracts for new work, large or small.

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SALVAGE AND MARINE OPERATIONS (SALMO)

The Salvage and Marine Operations (SALMO) Team is a key element of the MOD's worldwide marine capability. It provides salvage, towing, heavy lift, operational moorings, port clearance, marine warranty assurance, underwater engineering and management of the UK's military wreck inventory.

In addition to the MOD, it also provides these services to Other Government Departments (OGDs), such as the Department for Transport, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Home Office.

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DEFENCE MEDICAL SERVICES (DMS)

The primary role of the DMS is to ensure that Service personnel are ready and medically fit to go where they are required in the UK and throughout the world – generally referred to as being 'fit for task'.

The DMS encompass the entire medical, dental, nursing, allied health professionals, paramedical and support personnel. It is staffed by around 7000 regular uniformed and reserve medical personnel and provides healthcare to all Service men and women. Personnel from all three Services, regulars and reservists, work alongside civil servants and other supporting units providing healthcare to Service personnel serving in the UK, abroad, those at sea, and in some circumstances family dependants of Service personnel and entitled civilians. It also provides some aspects of healthcare to other countries' personnel overseas in both permanent military bases and in areas of conflict.

The range of services provided by DMS include primary healthcare, pre-hospital emergency care, dental care, hospital care, rehabilitation, occupational medicine, community mental healthcare and specialist medical care. It also provides healthcare in a range of facilities, including medical and dental centres, regional rehabilitation units, field hospitals, and in Ministry of Defence Hospital Units (MDHU) alongside the NHS. It also provides a defence aeromedical evacuation service.

The Surgeon General (SG) is the three star professional head of the DMS and the Process