

SURGEON GENERAL



SURGEON VICE ADMIRAL PHILIP I RAFFAELLI QHP BSc MSc MBChB MRCGP FFOM FRCP

Surgeon Vice Admiral Raffaelli joined the Navy as a Medical Cadet in 1976. Graduating from Edinburgh University in 1979 he joined the Submarine Service and was the MO for HMS RENOWN (Stbd) in 1981-82. He commenced vocational training in General Practice at RNH HASLAR attaining Membership of the Royal College of General Practitioners in 1984 while the MO at RM DEAL. He began training in Occupational Medicine as Deputy Squadron Medical Officer at the Clyde Submarine Base and undertook an MSc in Occupational Medicine in 1987, passing with distinction, and was awarded the Best Student prize by the Society of Occupational Medicine. While Senior Medical Officer (Submarine Medicine) at INM he was awarded the Membership of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine and accredited as a Consultant in 1989.

In 1990 he undertook the Nuclear Radiation Protection Course at RNC GREENWICH receiving the Herbert Lott Award and passed with distinction. That year he also received the Errol-Eldridge Award for his research into submarine escape and rescue. He joined HMS NEPTUNE as the PMO in 1990, then was the Naval Medical Officer of Health (Portsmouth) before being appointed as the Submarine Flotilla Medical Officer as an Acting Surgeon Captain in 1994. He attended the Joint Service Defence College in 1995 and was awarded the Best Student prize. He then served in the MoD under ACDS(L) as Med OP2 (NATO) before transferring to Northwood as part of JHQ and PJHQ. In April 1998 he joined SGD in MoD as SO1 (NATO).

He was appointed Director of Health (Navy) in March 1999, then attended RCDS in 2003 before being appointed MOIC INM in the rank of Surgeon Commodore on 16 December 2003. Awarded the Fellowship of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine in 1997, he was the Professor of Naval Occupational Medicine from 1997 until 2000 and the Chief Examiner of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine and a member of the FOM's Academic Committee from May 2001 until 2004.

Promoted Surgeon Rear Admiral on 4 May 2004 into the post of Chief Executive Defence Medical Education and Training Agency he was then appointed as Director General Medical Operational Capability in DMSD on 16 October 2006; on the disestablishment of this post under Top Structures Next Steps, he subsequently became DG Strategic Change & Inspector General in January 2008. On 24 January 2007 he was also appointed as Medical Director General (Naval) as head of the RN Medical Service until the appointment as Surgeon General.

He was appointed as Honorary Physician to the Queen in 2005 and is also a Governor of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and was recently awarded the Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians as well as being appointed Governor of the University Hospital Birmingham Foundation Trust. He assumed the role of Surgeon General on 22 December 2009 in the rank of Surgeon Vice Admiral.

He lives in Hampshire with his wife Fiona and has a wide range of interests including his family, music, sport, reading, gardening and cooking.