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Policy's credibility**

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Richard Berthon took up post as Director Strategic Programmes in the UK Ministry of Defence in July 2016. Working to the DCDS (Military Capability) he is responsible for: delivering a c. £1Bn pa portfolio of strategic defence programmes, including Complex Weapons and Test & Evaluation; managing the UK's defence capability collaboration with international partners including the USA, France and Germany; and delivering the MOD's approach to key sectors of the Defence industry, including the Combat Air sector and implementation of the National Shipbuilding Strategy.

Prior to this, Richard served as Counsellor Defence Policy & Nuclear in the British Embassy in Washington DC from 2013-2016, where he was responsible for managing the UK's defence relationship with the United States and pursuing an ambitious agenda of bilateral cooperation on defence policy, strategy and military capabilities, including the nuclear, cyber and space portfolios.

Since joining the UK Ministry of Defence in 1998, he has served in a wide range of Defence policy, political and operational postings for the MOD and Foreign Office.