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Air Marshal Sir Chris Harper joined the Royal Air Force as a pilot in 1976. He has flown numerous aircraft including the Jaguar, the CF-18 and, more recently, the Eurofighter Typhoon. He was involved in active operations over Iraq and in the Balkans and has commanded at all levels of the Royal Air Force.

Sir Chris also held important staff appointments in the UK Ministry of Defence and at the RAF's Air Command headquarters. His last 7 years in the Royal Air Force saw him working in NATO. From 2009 to 2011, he was Deputy Commander of NATO's Joint Force Command at Brunssum in the Netherlands; following that, he was the UK's Military Representative to NATO and the EU in Brussels. More recently, from 2013 - 16, he was Director General of the HQ NATO International Military Staff.

Sir Chris left the Royal Air Force in January 2017 and started a small, independent consultancy, CH4C Global Ltd. Sir Chris regularly speaks at key events such as the Munich and Berlin Security Conferences and Wilton Park. Sir Chris is the Honorary Air Commodore of No 2620 'County of Norfolk' Squadron of the Royal Auxiliary Air Force and is the President of the Royal Air Force Flying Clubs Association. He is a Trustee of the Air League and is a Non-resident Senior Fellow of the Atlantic Council.