



## **Air Marshal P C Osborn CBE RAF**

### **Chief of Defence Intelligence**

Air Marshal Phil Osborn (routinely known as Osby) joined the Royal Air Force in 1982 and, as a Tornado navigator, he has served on numerous Tornado GR1/4 squadrons, both in the United Kingdom and Germany. He commanded No XIII Squadron (Tornado GR4A) and Royal Air Force Marham, and served in Turkey as the Commander British Forces Op RESINATE (NORTH), responsible for all in-country air operations planning during the run-up to Op TELIC. In 2011, he was appointed as Air Officer Commanding No 2 Group, and Chief of Staff Operations and Support for Air Command.

Osborn's previous staff tours have all had a Capability focus and his responsibilities have been focussed on Combat Air, Carrier Strike, Land Forces Engagement, Weapons and, latterly, Joint Enabling capabilities. As the 2\* Director Capability Joint Forces Command, he was the Capability Sponsor for the JFC Portfolio (which includes C4ISR, Special Projects, Joint Medical and Joint Logistics) and, with colleagues, he was responsible for JFC Portfolio leadership, planning, scrutiny and approval. In Jan 2015, Osborn was appointed as Chief of Defence Intelligence from 20 January 2015 in the rank of Air Marshal.

Osborn has been awarded a Queens Commendation for Valuable Service, and has been appointed OBE and then CBE. His staff training has included attendance at the Royal Australian Air Force Staff College in Canberra, the Higher Command and Staff Course at the Defence College and the PJHQ Pinnacle Course in 2011.

Osby is married to Sara and has 2 daughters and a son, all thankfully well beyond University. He is a Vice-President of RAF Rugby, and his interests include horticulture (gardening!), hiking, running (slowly) and watching most sport, particularly rugby. He has also been accused of having an eclectic taste in music.