

## Women in Defence Charter

## A pledge for gender balance across defence

The UK's defence sector is making a commitment to work together to build a more gender balanced environment by launching a Charter for Women.

The Ministry of Defence, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and the Government Equalities Office welcome the initiative that recognises more needs to be done to greater enhance the gender balance in the sector. Organisations that sign up to this Charter are committing to be the very best at driving inclusion and diversity within their organisations and providing fair opportunities for women to succeed at all levels.

The Charter reflects the aspiration to see women represented and succeeding at all levels across the defence enterprise. A balanced workforce is good for government and good for business, good for customers and consumers, for profitability and workplace culture, for promoting prosperity and stability, and for showing everyone matters in building stronger and more peaceful communities.

## The Charter:

- commits organisations to supporting the progression of women into senior roles in the defence sector by focusing on the executive pipeline and the mid-tier level
- recognises the diversity of the sector and that organisations will have different starting points each organisation should therefore set its own targets, where