

Captain Paul Abraham Royal Navy
Director MaSTT and Senior Naval Advisor to Head of the
Iraqi Navy

Captain Paul Abraham joined the Royal Navy in 1979.

Early seagoing appointments included the Fishery protection vessel HMS CRICHTON and frigate HMS BRILLIANT before specialising in submarines in 1982. After initial submarine training he served in HMS OCELOT, HMS TORBAY, HMS TRAFALGAR and HMS UPHOLDER before completing the Submarine Command course or 'Perisher' in 1992. He was then appointed as the Executive Officer of HMS TALENT in 1993 taking over as the Commanding Officer in 1995. Following Command he was appointed as the Command and Executive Sea Rider to Captain Submarine Sea and Shore Training and was promoted to commander in 1997. Given further Command in 1997 he was the CO of the ballistic missile submarine HMS VANGUARD from 1997 to 2000. To finish his seagoing submarine career he was appointed as the Commanding Officer of the Submarine Command Course from 2000 until 2003, responsible for the training and if necessary removal, of potential submarine Commanding Officers.

He was then appointed to his first shore based appointment as the SO1J3 (MAR) Joint Force Headquarters, the UK's high readiness operational HQ. During this appointment he was the senior maritime advisor to the National Contingent Commander during Operation TELIC (the UK codename for operations in Iraq), deployed to the Democratic Republic of Congo as part of the French led Operation ARTEMIS to prevent ethnic cleansing in the Ituri province and led UK post tsunami relief operations in the Maldives. Non operational deployments during this appointment were conducted to Belize, South Africa, Turkey the United States and the Falklands. He was then appointed as the Chief of Staff to the Commodore of the Devonport Flotilla in 2005 before completing a two year appointment as the Submarine Operations Officer to CINCFLEET, based at Northwood, responsible for the planning and delivery of submarine operations worldwide and operational support to the UK independent nuclear deterrent.

Captain Abraham was appointed to his current position in March 2008.