



Surgeon General

**Lieutenant General Martin CM Bricknell QHP OStJ PhD DM MA MMedSci MBA
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Lieutenant General Bricknell is the UK Surgeon General and professional head of the Defence Medical Services. He commands the Joint Medical Group under Headquarters Joint Forces Command.

Lieutenant General Bricknell commissioned in 1987 after attending Southampton University Medical School. His first tour was Regimental Medical Officer to 1 PARA. He then undertook training as a General Practitioner in Germany and Cyprus. Following this he trained in Occupational Medicine including a tour as second-in-command of 23 Parachute Field Ambulance. He commanded 22 Field Hospital during which the unit was awarded the Wilkinson Sword of Peace for service in the Balkans.

He completed training in Public Health whilst Chief Instructor at the Defence Medical Services Training Centre. After a tour as SO1 Medical in United Kingdom Support Command (Germany), he was promoted Colonel into the post of Chief Medical Adviser, Headquarters Allied Rapid Reaction Corps. This tour included a period as the Medical Adviser in the HQ International Security Assistance Force (ISAF IX) in Kabul in 2006. He attended Advanced Command and Staff Course 12. This was followed by a one year tour as the Medical Adviser, Headquarters Regional Command (South) in 2010 from which he was awarded the US Bronze Star.

He completed two further appointments in the Army Medical Directorate in Army Headquarters, Assistant Director Healthcare Review and Assistant Director Medical Capability before promotion to Brigadier and becoming Head of Medical Operations and Capability in the Ministry of Defence. This tour included the drawdown from Afghanistan and the Ebola crisis in West Africa. After attending the Royal College of Defence Studies, he was promoted to Major General in the post of Director for Medical Policy and Operational Capability in Dec 2015. He was appointed as the Surgeon General in Sep 2017.

Lieutenant General Bricknell was appointed a Queens Honorary Physician in 2016 and awarded the Order of St John in 2013. He holds a PhD, a doctorate in medicine and three masters degrees. He has over 50 academic papers cited in Pub Med covering military medical operations and military health subjects.

He is married to Kate and has 3 adult daughters. He enjoys military history, swimming and the occasional short triathlon.