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CHIEF NURSING OFFICER - COLONEL A L MCCOURT OBE ARRC QHN



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Colonel Alison McCourt joined the Army in 1988. Following nurse training and service within the ranks in the United Kingdom and Germany, Alison was selected for commission in the QARANC in 1994. She subsequently undertook specialist training in Emergency Nursing at Leeds University and since then has undertaken a number of Clinical, Regimental and Staff appointments.

Alison has deployed to Bosnia, Kosovo, Iraq and Sierra Leone.

Following her deployment to Bosnia as the Senior Nursing Officer of

the hospital she was awarded the honour of Associate Royal Red Cross. Subsequent assignments include Officer Instructor at the Defence Medical Services Training Centre and a deployment to Kosovo as the Senior Nursing Officer for 33 Field Hospital in 2001. During that operational tour she was the in-theatre lead for the establishment of the joint UK/US hospital facility at Camp Bondsteel.

Her first staff appointment was as SO3 Medical Operations and Training at Headquarters 3rd (United Kingdom) Division in 2001 which included a deployment with the headquarters on Op TELIC 2. Following promotion to Major she attended the Intermediate Command and Staff Course (Land) in 2005. In 2008 she returned to clinical duties prior to deploying as an individual augmentee for 22 Field Hospital on Op TELIC 13. This was followed by Sub Unit Command with 22 Field Hospital, as Officer Commanding 13 Medical Evacuation Squadron. During this period Alison completed a Post Graduate Diploma in International Human Resource Management which she has recently progressed to MSc.

Following promotion to Lieutenant Colonel in 2011, Alison attended the Advanced Command and Staff Course. Her initial SO1 appointment was as Chief of Staff, Headquarters 2nd Medical Brigade in York in Aug 2012. Alison assumed Command of 22 Field Hospital in July 2013 and deployed the Unit to Sierra Leone on Op GRITROCK in Oct 14. She was awarded an OBE for her leadership of 22 Field during Op GRITROCK.

On promotion to Colonel in Dec 2015 she assumed an appointment in the newly established Senior Health Advisors department and has been the lead for Assurance and now Health Strategy in that area.

Alison assumed the appointment of Chief Nursing Officer for the Army on 1 Feb 18.