

Group Captain Liz O'Sullivan CEng MEng MIMechE RAF

Group Captain Liz O'Sullivan was born in 1980, educated at Wirral Grammar School, and achieved a Masters degree in Engineering, Manufacture and Management from the University of Birmingham. She joined the RAF in 2003 as an aero-systems engineering officer.

Following initial and specialist training, she undertook junior officer tours on the Jaguar Force, both first and second line, with her final junior officer appointment being Staff Officer to Chief of the Air Staff, then Air Chief Marshal Sir Glenn Torpy. Selected for promotion to Squadron Leader in 2009, she became the customer facing HQ 1 Gp representative at RAF Coningsby responsible for delivering A4 Gp direction for all Typhoon and the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight issues before assuming her command appointment at RAF Brize Norton as the Senior Engineering Officer on the TriStar fleet (216 Sqn). She was primarily responsible for maintaining an ageing aircraft in support of the Op HERRICK air bridge but also oversaw air tanker support to Op ELLAMY, and the Sqn assuming Op TANSOR responsibilities from the VC10.

Promoted to Wing Commander and selected for Advanced Command and Staff Course (ACSC) 17 in 2013, due to impending maternity leave she deferred the course attending ACSC 18. Post-graduation, she was then she was posted to DE&S at Abbeywood as the head of the Typhoon Systems Integration Team responsible for the delivery of Typhoon avionic and weapon system development and ensuring airworthiness of the platform, this included programmatic activity on Project CENTURION. In 2016 she went on maternity leave and joined the ACSC 20 directing staff in 2017. In 2019 she assumed her command appointment as Officer Commanding Engineering and Logistics Wing at RAF Brize Norton which included the responsibilities as Chief Air Engineer to the Delivery Duty Holder and Military Continuing Airworthiness Manager for A400M, C-130J, C17 and Voyager aircraft, as well as Airborne Equipment; she also oversaw the restructuring of the engineering elements of the new RAF Brize Norton Command and Control structure.

O'Sullivan was briefly posted to the Military Aviation Authority Assurance Co-ordination Cell in Aug 2021 before her formal promotion offer to Group Captain and posting to Rolls-Royce on secondment in Oct 2021 as Vice President UK Strategy within the Rolls-Royce Defence Business Development team.