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On 21 February 2014 it was announced that Lieutenant General Sir Nicholas Patrick Carter KCB CBE DSO would assume the post of Chief of the General Staff in September 2014. He will replace General Sir Peter Wall.</p> <p>Born 1959. Commissioned into the Royal Green Jackets, as second lieutenant, 1978, Promoted to lieutenant 1980. Promoted to captain 1984. Served in Northern Ireland, Cyprus, Germany and Great Britain. Promoted to major 1991. Company commander with 3rd Battalion, Royal Green Jackets 1992. Military assistant to CGS 1994. MBE New Year Honours, 1996. Directing staff at the Staff College 1996. Lieutenant-colonel 1996. Commanding Officer of 2nd Battalion, Royal Green Jackets, 1998. Bosnia 1998, Kosovo 1999. Awarded the Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service 1999. OBE 2000.</p> <p>Colonel 2000. OBE 2003, following service in Afghanistan. Promoted brigadier 2003. Command of 20th Armoured Brigade, commanding British forces in Basra 2004. Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service for his service in Iraq, 2004.</p> <p>
Director of Army Resources and Plans at the Ministry of Defence 2006. Honorary appointment of Deputy Colonel of The Rifles (the successor regiment to the Royal Green Jackets) 2007♦ 2009. Promoted to major general 2009. General Officer Commanding 6th Division. Deployed to Afghanistan Commander ISAF Regional Command South.</p> <p>Director-General Land Warfare , promoted to lieutenant general, appointed Commander Field Army (redesignated Deputy Commander Land Forces in January 2012), 2011. Main architect of the Army 2020 concept, post 2010 SDR, reporting on his recommendations 2012. Deputy Commander, ISAF, under American general, John R. Allen, 2012. Commander Land Forces 2013. KCB 2014 New Year Honours.</p> <p>The defence secretary, Philip Hammond, said: "I look forward to working with Sir Nicholas as we deliver our programme of reforms to create a leaner, more efficient Ministry of Defence and more agile, adaptable armed forces."</p>