



Episkopi Station Commander
Lieutenant Colonel Martin Payne BEM RAMC

Lieutenant Colonel Martin Payne was born in Manchester in 1963. His passion for the Army began as a member of the Army Cadet Force at the age of 13 in Stalybridge as a Mercian. His career journey started at the Junior Soldiers' Battalion in 1980 with The Prince Of Wales Division, 22 Cheshire Regiment in Taunton; he then transferred to the Royal Engineers in 1982 where he qualified as a Combat Engineer, HGV Driver and Carpenter & Joiner; he spent 3 years with 59 Independent Commando Squadron in Plymouth and Arbroath, during his time he served as an instructor with the All Arms Commando Training Team. In 1989 his career took on another challenge and he cap-badged into the Army Physical Training Corps, where he served with 2nd Battalion Scots Guards in Hounslow and Edinburgh; Hong Kong Physical Adventure Training Centre as an instructor, he also advised on recruitment and selection in Nepal; 8 R IRISH in Armagh; JSSADC as the Army Diving Specialist in Plymouth; Royal Military Academy Sandhurst (RMAS) as the Training Warrant Officer and HQ 1(UK) Div & HQ 20 Armd Bde, as the SMI in Germany.

On commissioning from the ranks into the RAMC in 2003 he has served with 5 GS Med Regt as Ops and Trg Offr in Preston; 4 GS Med Regt as E (13) Sqn Officer Commanding (OC) and 2iC in Aldershot; SO2 J1/J4 Med in Bosnia and Afghanistan; RMAS as Old College Assistant Chief Instructor; Quartermaster (QM) 4 Med Regt in Aldershot; OC Sp Sqn and QM 22 Field Hospital in Aldershot; PJHQ Fwd SO2 and Mentor to the Afghan National Army Officer's Academy and Officer Commanding Phase 2 Training at Litchfield. His final post prior to promotion was as Officer Commanding Support Squadron and Quartermaster with 33 Field Hospital in Gosport. He has been deployed on various operations and exercises all over the world during his 35 years service.

Lieutenant Colonel Payne assumed the appointment of Episkopi Station Commander on 23 November 2015.

He is married to Tanya and has two children, Sophie (23) an A&E Nurse and Benjamin (22) a Physiotherapist - not forgetting their loyal rescue German Shepherd dog Reggie.

His hobbies are spending quality time with the family, travelling, DIY and if the operational tempo allows ensuring soldiers have the opportunity to participate in a variety of challenging outdoor pursuits. The usual sporting and outdoor interests are steadily moving from player to spectator; however the heart & mind is stronger than the body! His main effort and focus is the duty of care and welfare of his staff, soldiers and families.