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Dear Strategic Reservists,

Although you have left Service, you remain part of a proud naval family, and the skills and experience you gained during your Service, and since leaving it, continue to have enduring value to the nation.

The Strategic Reserve forms a vital part of the United Kingdom's defence capability. While our Regular and Volunteer Reserve Forces remain at the forefront of operational readiness, you, as members of the Strategic Reserve, are an additional source of talent, experience and resilience that may be called upon in times of the Nation’s most urgent need.

This letter marks the beginning of renewed engagement between the Royal Navy and its Strategic Reserve.

Receiving this letter does not mean that you are about to be mobilised. It is part of prudent work to ensure that the Royal Navy better understands, communicates with and supports its Strategic Reserve, so that we are appropriately prepared should the nation ever need to draw upon it.

Strategic Reservists would only be called out or recalled in the most severe circumstances, such as a national emergency, an attack on the United Kingdom or a transition to war.

My Strategic Reserve team will be in touch again over the coming months with further information, including how you can check your liability, ask questions and learn about future opportunities to reconnect with the Naval Service. We would also like to hear your views and would welcome your thoughts and questions via navypeople-stratreservegroup@mod.gov.uk.

Thank you for your service and continued support.

Yours sincerely,

