

Commander Amy Gaunt Royal Navy CO 814 Naval Air Squadron



Cdr Amy Gaunt assumed Command of 814 Naval Air Squadron (NAS) of the Merlin Helicopter Force in April 2022. She is responsible for providing force elements at very high readiness for UK committed non-discretionary tasking.

After joining the Royal Navy in 2002 and following basic training at Britannia Royal Naval College and aircrew training at RNAS CULDROSE, she was awarded Observer wings in 2005 and joined 820 NAS operating the Merlin HM Mk1.

Selected for Instructor training, she qualified as a Qualified Observer Instructor (QOI) in 2008. Her first instructional tour was spent on 750 NAS, instructing in the Jetstream T2 aircraft and achieving A2 QOI category.

Frontline tours followed on 820 NAS as the Training Officer and Senior Observer whilst converting to the Merlin HM Mk2. Appointed to 829 NAS as a Flight Commander, she deployed with HMS KENT and HMS WESTMINSTER.

In 2015 she returned to 750 NAS as the Senior Observer, this time instructing UKMFTS students in the King Air aircraft.

Relocating to Portsmouth in 2017, she took up posts in the HQ, including Chief of Staff to DACOS Career Management and Executive Assistant to Assistant Chief of Staff (Aviation and Carrier Strike), a role which subsequently expanded and evolved to become Director Force Generation (Dir FGen).

Selected for promotion to SO1 in 2020, she attended Advanced Command and Staff Course and in 2021 was selected to Command 814 NAS.

She lives with her partner in Hampshire and is an enthusiastic golfer, runner, and gardener.