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Dear Callum,

It gives me great pleasure to write to you as the new Senior Naval Officer (SNO) of HMS DARING.

As the previous SNO, Ben, wrote in his last letter, DARING has reached the point in her life at which she requires a significant period of maintenance, upgrade and new capability insertion. As you are aware DARING was the first of the Type 45 Destroyer class, and carrying on this tradition, she will be the first to receive an enhanced, non-Fleet Time upkeep package, designed over an extended period to ensure that when she returns to the Fleet she will be the most capable, cutting edge Type 45 in the RN.

This programme of work will require a sustained period alongside Her Majesty's Naval Base Portsmouth. Starting with an Enhanced Material Assessment phase, extending into 2019 she will undergo detailed surveys and preparations before entering refit later in the year. Currently DARING is expected to re-enter service in the latter half of 2020.

At a point within the programme the responsibility for conducting maintenance and ensuring that essential systems are prepared for upkeep will necessarily switch to the contractor, BAe. At this point the current care provided by the Portsmouth Flotilla Maintenance Support Unit will cease. I expect to retain the function of SNO during this time.

Having discussed the ship's affiliations with the previous SNO I am fully aware of the benefits gained through the maintenance of our strong relationship. In this extended programme of non-Fleet Time I will endeavour to provide opportunities for interaction with the ship, and would also ask that if you have a calendar of events for which you would wish to have support from DARING, please ask.

In the meantime I look forward to keeping you updated with the progress HMS DARING is making, with the head mark of providing a time when she will again be available for you to visit and experience being at sea on one of the worlds most advanced warships.

Tony

