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# Al Potter

**VICE PRESIDENT & MANAGING DIRECTOR, NATIONAL SECURITY & DEFENCE, LEIDOS UK**

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Al is Vice President and Managing Director, National Security and Defence of Leidos UK.

Most recently, Al served as Managing Director of The Government Services Business Unit of Boeing UK and served on the Board of Boeing Defence UK. Al has also worked in a leadership capacity within National Security and Defence for companies such as Lockheed Martin and AgustaWestland over the last 14 years.

Al served in the Royal Air Force for 23 years where he gained the rank of Squadron Leader. A notable career starting as a Non Commissioned rear crew sensor operator on Nimrods before being commissioned as an officer and pilot flying Search and Rescue Helicopters. Here he completed over 400 Rescues and was awarded an Air Force Cross. A Qualified Helicopter Pilot Instructor, with just under 5000 hours flying experience, he went on to lead the UK Search and Rescue training academy on return from an overseas deployment with US Forces on Enduring Freedom. He ended his service career as the Tri-Service Desk Officer for rotary wing training in late 2006.

In his role at Boeing his focus was on Policing and Intelligence. He led the team that stabilised the Staffordshire Police IT contract and also focused on the best outcome for Staffordshire. He has had teams working in NCA and other areas directly connected to the fight against Serious Organised Crime.

Al is a recognised diversity champion - having built very diverse teams and championing leadership development. He has also acted as a mentor for many employees and often advises veterans leaving the services.

In addition, Al is also a Trustee and Director of the Midlands Educational Trust, an Education Academy that runs four primary schools in the Malvern and Worcester area. He is married with grown up triplet daughters and is a (very young!) doting grandfather. He retains his Commercial Helicopter Pilots license and is also flying small fixed wing aircraft for pleasure. He is a DIY enthusiast and enjoys trips in his VW T6 Camper.