UK Special Forces Orbat (as shown in open sources and media)

Director Special Forces (DSF) (Major General¹)

Deputy Director Special Forces (Brigadier)

Special Air Service (SAS)

22nd Special Air Service Regiment (SAS troops comprise of 16 men, led by a captain. There are 4 troops within each Sabre Squadron, each specialising in a different method of insertion. The troops are Air Troop, Boat Troop, Mountain Troop and Mobility Troop. Non-officers who pass SAS selection lose their previous rank and are assigned the rank of trooper. Troops are numbered e.g. B Squadron comprises 6,7,8 and 9 Troops. Each troop consists of a number of 4-man patrols, each typically led by a corporal.)² (Lieutenant Colonel)

- o Ops Cell
- o HQ Squadron
- o Formation Readiness Wing
- o Counter Terrorist Wing
- o Para Support Squadron
- o Training Squadron
 - L Detachment
- A (Sabre) Squadron
 - HQ Element (OC (Major), 2 i/c (Captain) Operations Officer,
 Squadron Sergeant Major (SSM), Squadron Quartermaster Sergeant (SQSM), Staff Sergeant)
 - 1 Boat Troop
 - 2 Air Troop
 - 3 Mobility Troop
 - 4 Mountain Troop
- o B (Sabre) Squadron
 - HQ Element (OC (Major), 2 i/c (Captain) Operations Officer, Squadron Sergeant Major (SSM), Squadron Quartermaster Sergeant (SQSM), Staff Sergeant)
 - 6 Boat Troop
 - 7 Air Troop
 - 8 Mobility Troop
 - 9 Mountain Troop
- o D (Sabre) Squadron
 - HQ Element (OC (Major), 2 i/c (Captain) Operations Officer, Squadron Sergeant Major (SSM), Squadron Quartermaster Sergeant (SQSM), Staff Sergeant)
 - 16 Air Troop
 - 17 Bot Troop

¹ <u>https://bootcampmilitaryfitnessinstitute.files.wordpress.com/2014/07/2100a-fig1-org-of-uksf-supporting-units2.png</u>

²² https://www.eliteukforces.info/special-air-service/organisation/

- 18 Mobility Troop
- 19 Mountain Troop
- o G (Sabre) Squadron
 - HQ Element (OC (Major), 2 i/c (Captain) Operations Officer, Squadron Sergeant Major (SSM), Squadron Quartermaster Sergeant (SQSM), Staff Sergeant)
 - 21 Mobility Troop
 - 22 Mountain Troop
 - 23 Boat Troop
 - 24 Air Troop

E Squadron³

21st Special Air Service Regiment (Reserves, under 1st Intelligence, Surveillance and **Reconnaissance Brigade**) (Lieutenant Colonel)

- o HQ Squadron based at the Duke Of York Barracks in London
- o A Squadron (Greater London)
- o C Squadron (East Anglia and Eastern Wessex)
- E Squadron (Wales)

23rd Special Air Service Regiment (Reserves, under 1st Intelligence, Surveillance and **Reconnaissance Brigade**) (Lieutenant Colonel)

- o HQ Squadron (West Midlands)
- o B Squadron (Yorkshire and Humberside)
- o D Squadron (Scotland)
- o G Squadron (North and North West of England)

Special Boat Service (SBS) (Squadrons are organised into 3 16-man Troops, each usually commanded by a Captain. Troops are often broken down into 4-man patrols, 2-man canoe teams or 8-man teams (a typical boat-full).)⁴ (Lieutenant Colonel, Royal Marines)

- o HQ Squadron
- o Ops Cell
- o Quartermaster
- Service & Training Support Squadron
- Maritime Manoeuvre Squadron (MMS)
- o C Squadron (Major, Royal Marines/Royal Navy Lieutenant Commander) (~16 men) (Canoe & Small Boat Operations)
 - * Troop
 - * Troop
 - * Troop
- o X Squadron (Major, Royal Marines/Royal Navy Lieutenant Commander) (~16 men) (Canoe & Small Boat Operations)
 - * Troop

³ https://www.eliteukforces.info/e-squadron/

⁴ https://www.eliteukforces.info/special-boat-service/organisation/

- * Troop
- * Troop
- Z Squadron (Major, Royal Marines/ Royal Navy Lieutenant Commander)
 (~16 men) (Underwater Attack & Insertion)
 - * Troop
 - * Troop
 - * Troop
- M Squadron (Major, Royal Marines/Royal Navy Lieutenant Commander)
 (~16 men) (Maritime Counter-Terrorism (MCT) operations
 - * Troop
 - * Troop
 - * Troop
- SBS(R) Reserves (size and organisation unknown) (Major, Royal Marines/Royal Navy Lieutenant Commander)

Special Reconnaissance Regiment (SRR) (OC rank unknown)

<u>Special Forces Support Group (SFSG)</u>⁵ (Lieutenant Colonel) (structure could have changed)

- D Headquarters (HQ) Squadron (Major)
- A Strike Company (1 PARA) (Major)
- B Coy (1 PARA) (Major)
- C Coy (1 PARA) (Major)
- F Coy (manned mostly by Royal Marines) (Major)
- G Company (Major) Fire Support Groups (FSGs) (Consisting of Platoon-sized elements who specialise in providing heavy-weapons support to SFSG rifle companies)
 - o FSG 1
 - o FSG 2
 - o FSG 3
 - o FSG 4
 - Sniper Platoon
- Support Company (Major)
 - o Mortar Platoon (60mm / 81mm)
 - o Signals Platoon
 - Joint Fires Cell (JFC)--RAF Joint Tactical Air Controllers (JTACs) calling in fire support from fast air (jets), Apache Gunships and UAVs. (RAF Regiment) (Major) (RAF Regiment provides 1 Flight/Platoon to possibly the Rifle Companies)

18 (UKSF) Signals Regiment 7 8 (Colonel)

• Support Squadron (Major)

⁵ https://bootcampmilitaryfitnessinstitute.files.wordpress.com/2014/08/2104-sfsg-organisation.png

⁶ https://bootcampmilitaryfitnessinstitute.files.wordpress.com/2014/08/2104-sfsg-components.png

⁷ https://bootcampmilitaryfitnessinstitute.files.wordpress.com/2014/08/2106-18-regt-org.png

⁸ http://www.eliteukforces.info/18-UKSF-Signals/sbs-signals-squadron/

- 264 (attached to the SAS) (Major)
- SBS Signals Squadron (attached to the SBS) (Major)
- 63 (SAS) Signal Squadron (A reserve unit attached to 21 and 23 SAS (Major)
- 267 (SRR) Signals Squadron (attached to the SRR) (Major)
- 268 (United Kingdom Special Forces) Signals Squadron (attached to SFSG) (Major)
- Several Light Electronic Warfare Teams (LEWTs)

Joint Special Forces Aviation Wing (JSFAW) (Wing Commander)

- HQ JSFAW
- 7 Squadron RAF (flying Chinook helicopters) (Squadron Leader???)
- 47 Squadron RAF ((flying C-130/A00M) (Squadron Leader???, may not be officially part of JFAW)
- 657 Squadron AAC (flying Lynx AH7, now Wildcat helicopters) (Major) disbanding in 2018.
- 658 Squadron AAC (flying Dauphin II and Gazelle AH1 helicopters in future NMH, formerly 8 Flight AAC) (Major)¹¹

Supporting units for Special Operations 12

- USKF Medical Support Group (structure and size unknown) (OC rank unknown)
- UKSF Explosive Ordinance Disposal EOD)
 - o Alpha Troop, 33 Engineer Regiment (Captain)¹³
 - o Fleet Diving Unit 1 (Lieutenant (Navy))
- Elements of 47 (Air Despatch) Squadron, Royal Logistics Corps (Major)
- 21st and 23rd SAS Logistics Support (Major)
- Maritime Counter-Terrorism Flight, 846 Naval Air Squadron (Lieutenant Commander) (supports M Squadron) (flies Merlin HM.4)
- 2 x Maritime Counter-Terrorism Flights, 815 Naval Air Squadron (Lieutenant Commander each???) (supports M Squadron and rest of SBS) (flies Wildcat)

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⁹ http://www.eliteukforces.info/uk-military-news/09102017-army-air-corps-uksf.php

¹⁰ http://www.lzdzonline.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/lzdz-issue-2-2018.pdf

¹¹ https://www.eliteukforces.info/air-support/658-Squadron/

¹² https://bootcampmilitaryfitnessinstitute.files.wordpress.com/2014/07/2100a-fig1-org-of-uksf-supporting-units2.png

¹³ http://www.eliteukforces.info/eod/army-eod/#821