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Dr King has led General Atomics Aeronautical Systems UK (GA-UK) since it was established in November 2010 and is responsible for the strategic development of the group's Unmanned Aircraft Systems business in the UK, Norway and Denmark. Based in London he works with the UK MOD and RAF to support the MQ-9 Reaper®, deliver the PROTECTOR programme and drive future business opportunities. He also works with UK and European industry to further develop the capabilities of the Predator® UAS series. He was instrumental in instigating the development of the new generation MQ-9B, the world's first certifiable MALE UAV, and expanding the platform's maritime capabilities to include a sonobuoy system.

Before joining GA-UK, Dr King was Strategy Manager for Unmanned Systems at Cobham, responsible for bringing together the group's global capabilities. He led new product concepts and marketing activities as well as supported acquisition programmes.

Prior to this, Dr King served as Technical Manager, Intelligent Vehicles for QinetiQ, where he was head of technology for various research and development programmes on autonomy and control. The applications included UAVs, hypersonic vehicles, weapons and fighter aircraft, as well as a thrust-vectoring ejection seat and a human high-G training centrifuge.

Dr King started his aerospace engineer career working as an Aerodynamicist and Control Systems Engineer at British Aerospace, Kingston upon Thames where he worked on aircraft modelling, simulation, and control.

He has a PhD in Control Engineering from the Royal Military College of Science (now the Defence Academy) at Shrivenham.