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Hugh Eaton was educated at Douai Abbey, and the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst before joining the Infantry and 18 years of Military service that included diplomatic missions to Sweden, France, Germany, the United States, Pakistan and India; as well as combat tours in Central America and Northern Ireland, the Gulf War, three tours of Bosnia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Ivory Coast, Sierra Leone, and the Iraq War and its aftermath in 2003.

After leaving the Army in 2004, Hugh joined PA Consulting Group as a Principal Consultant working in Enterprise and the UK and US Public Sectors, and helped create the Defence and Intelligence Practice within PA. Having been promoted to Managing Consultant, Hugh led one of the Counter Terrorism areas for the US DoD General Patreus study, and then returned to lead the work on fusing Defence and Intelligence activity on UK operations overseas through GCHQ and MI6.

After an invitation to join joining Cisco in 2007 Hugh has led the Defence and Intelligence Operation, a market which has quadrupled for Cisco under his leadership, and which now includes a strong focus on consultancy and services as well as solution provision. In 2010, Hugh was promoted to Operational Director in Cisco, and brought in a large number of the global Defence and System Integrators as private clients to diversify the security business.

Hugh also leads on Cyber Security for Cisco in the UK, and recently he has advised the UK Government in the creation of the National Cyber Security Strategy, and co-leads the Cyber Alliance, a grouping of industry leaders developing a kitemark standard for both Government and the Private Sector. He has extensive contacts across both Government and the Private Sector, and is a frequent speaker at national and international forums on security.

Hugh has three children and lives in Somerset and London. He was appointed MBE in 1994 for operations in Bosnia, awarded a Queen's Commendation in 2001 for operations in Kosovo, and appointed OBE in 2003 for operations in Sierra Leone and Iraq. His interests include riding, skiing, shooting, fishing, tennis, squash, military and political history, and playing poor quality veterans hockey.