

[Press release: PM call with Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau: 10 April 2017](#)

The Prime Minister spoke to Prime Minister Trudeau of Canada last night to discuss events in Syria following the chemical weapons attack and the US airstrikes, and to look ahead to the G7 foreign ministers' meeting this week.

They agreed on their support for the US action, which we believe was an appropriate response to the barbaric chemical weapons attack launched by the Syrian regime.

And they discussed the importance of Russia using its influence to bring about a political settlement in Syria, and to work with the rest of the international community to ensure that the shocking events of the last week are never repeated.

They noted that the Foreign Secretary is working closely with his Canadian counterpart as part of diplomatic efforts to line up G7 and like-minded support for a clear international position on the way ahead, in support of the US Secretary of State's visit to Moscow.

And they agreed to continue this close cooperation as we build support for a political solution to end the conflict and bring lasting peace and stability to Syria.

[News story: UK policing forum considers way ahead for international policing](#)

The Joint International Policing Hub (JIPH) hosted a two day conference in Liverpool on 21-22 March 2017, bringing together participants from across UK policing to discuss the UK's role in supporting international policing efforts in fragile and conflict affected states, and beyond.

Brandon Lewis, Minister for Policing and the Fire Service, opened the event, underlining the importance of international policing:

"It is clear that collectively, more can be done to maximise the benefits from effective international policing – be they protecting our people at home and abroad; projecting our global influence; or promoting our policing capability.

UK policing has a strong reputation with international recognition of its professionalism and performance. Our policing expertise and skills are in demand across the globe. The knowledge contained in police forces across the UK – and in the law enforcement sector as a whole – is recognised as highly valuable by our international partners.

We can use international policing to promote UK prosperity and policing capability, with UK policing’s brand used to export our policing expertise. Not only will this increase capability in overseas states and organisations, it will also increase the skills of our own officers, who will bring their experiences back to UK forces and benefit local communities.”

Minister for Policing and Fire Service Brandon Lewis addresses UK police partners

Over 20 organisations participated in the event including the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, Home Office, National Police Chiefs Council and the Association of Police & Crime Commissioners, as well as representatives from national constabularies, the National Crime Agency, academic institutions and other bodies. Participants discussed the challenges and opportunities that lay ahead in putting in place a cohesive and unified UK approach to international policing.

A significant element of UK international policing effort is in support of multilateral missions. Baroness Joyce Anelay, Minister of State for the Commonwealth and the United Nations , also addressed the conference and highlighted the value of UK policing abroad:

“I am proud of the UK’s contribution to international policing. Our dedicated and professional personnel, often working in difficult conditions, set a high standard for others to follow. The UK Government is committed to making the international effort more effective and to strengthening the British contribution to international policing.”

Joint International Policing Hub

The JIPH operates off of the Stabilisation Unit platform and works to ensure that the UK has an international policing capability which is able to identify, prioritise, develop and deliver upon non-operational international policing requirements and requests. The JIPH is working to establish itself as the recognised gateway into and out of UK international policing assistance structures for domestic and global partners.

[Press release: Change of British High](#)

Commissioner to Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean

2011 – present Ankara, Deputy Head of Mission 2010 – 2011 FCO, Assistant Director, Human Resources 2007 – 2010 FCO, Head of Africa Department (Southern, Central and West Africa) 2004 – 2007 FCO, Head of Consular Assistance Group, Consular Directorate 2003 – 2004 FCO, Head of Transitional Team, Human Resources Directorate 2002 – 2003 FCO, Head of Personnel Management Unit 2, Personnel Directorate 2000 – 2001 FCO, Deputy Head of Department, Africa Directorate Southern 1996 – 2000 Stockholm, First Secretary (European Union) 1993 – 1996 Seconded to Overseas Development Administration, Head of Section, Emergency Aid Policy and Emergency Preparedness 1991 – 1993 FCO, Head of Humanitarian Affairs Section, UND 1988 – 1991 Ankara. Second, later First Secretary (Political and Press) 1987 – 1988 Language training (Turkish) 1986 – 1987 Seconded to Directorate General IA (External relations), European Commission 1985 – 1986 Desk Officer for Greece, Southern European Department 1985 Joined FCO

News story: Countryside Stewardship claims are just a click away

This [online service](#) should be used to submit Countryside Stewardship annual revenue claims and any capital claims.

The online system is simple and convenient to use. Customers can save and return to the claim whenever they like. The online system guides customers through the steps and provides instant confirmation that submitted claims have been received. Customers will receive a letter inviting them to submit a claim.

The online validation means less worry about errors. It prevents overstating of field sizes and blocks claims on ineligible land parcels. Claiming online will feel familiar for the 80% of customers who claimed BPS online in 2016, as this all sits within the same online service.

Whilst applicants are encouraged to use the online service, some customers may still require paper claim forms and these can be requested from Natural England. Anyone who has further questions can call the Rural Payments helpline on 03000 200 301 for support from a Natural England adviser.

[Press release: Disqualification extended for director who breached ban](#)

Mr Brown, 68, of Cirencester in Gloucestershire provided a disqualification undertaking for 6 years from 3 March 2011, to the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills regarding a previous company, Richard Brown Homes Limited (RBH). RBH, which built new homes for residential purposes, entered liquidation on 10 June 2009.

Despite knowledge of the restrictions he was subject to, Mr. Brown continued to act as a director of Door Stores (Swindon) Limited (Door Stores), a retailer of doors and related fixtures, without leave of the Court, in breach of the restrictions.

An investigation by the Insolvency Service also found that Door Stores traded to the detriment of HMRC, who were owed £198,942 at liquidation.

Mr Brown has now given a director disqualification undertaking to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy for 11 years, which prevents him from managing or controlling a company without leave of the court until 2027.

Mr Brown's co directors Richard Edward Brown (33) and Alan Roche (52) the de jure directors, have each given disqualification undertakings for 3 years and 6 months for causing Door Stores to trade to the detriment of HMRC.

Commenting on the disqualification, Sue Macleod, Chief Investigator at The Insolvency Service, said:

This result should make it very clear to disqualified directors who ignore their disqualification undertakings and continue to act as directors that they will be vigorously pursued by the Insolvency Service.

The length of the undertaking in this case, sends a clear message to the business community that such actions will not be tolerated.

The Insolvency Service will also take action against directors who cause or allow a company to trade to the detriment of HMRC.

Notes to editors

Door Stores (Swindon) Limited (CR0 No. 05887116) was incorporated on 26 July 2006. The company traded from its registered office, Unit 5, Headlands Trading Estate, Headlands Grove, Swindon, SN2 7JG.

Richard David Brown was a formally appointed director between 26 July 2006 and 1 December 2008. He is of Cirencester and his date of birth is December 1948.

Richard Edward Brown was appointed as a director on 1 December 2008. He is of Swindon and his date of birth is October 1983.

Alan Roche was appointed as a director on 27 June 2014. He is of Swindon and his date of birth is September 1964.

The company went into liquidation on 7 August 2015. On 12 December 2016 the Secretary of State accepted an undertaking from Mr Brown, effective from 2 January 2017, for a period of 11 years. On 7 March 2017 the Secretary of State accepted an undertaking from Richard Edward Brown, effective from 28 March 2017 for a period of 3 years and 6 months. On 2 December 2016 the Secretary of State accepted an undertaking from Alan Roche, effective from 23 December 2016, for a period of 3 years and 6 months.

A disqualification order has the effect that without specific permission of a court, a person with a disqualification cannot:

- act as a director of a company
- take part, directly or indirectly, in the promotion, formation or management of a company or limited liability partnership
- be a receiver of a company's property

In addition that person cannot act as an insolvency practitioner and there are many other restrictions are placed on disqualified directors by other regulations. Disqualification undertakings are the administrative equivalent of a disqualification order but do not involve court proceedings. Further information on director disqualifications and restrictions is [available](#).

The Insolvency Service administers the insolvency regime, investigating all compulsory liquidations and individual insolvencies (bankruptcies) through the Official Receiver to establish why they became insolvent. It may also use powers under the Companies Act 1985 to conduct confidential fact-finding investigations into the activities of live limited companies in the UK. In addition, the agency authorises and regulates the insolvency profession, deals with disqualification of directors in corporate failures, assesses and pays statutory entitlement to redundancy payments when an employer cannot or will not pay employees, provides banking and investment services for bankruptcy and liquidation estate funds and advises ministers and other government departments on insolvency law and practice.

Further information about the work of the Insolvency Service, and how to complain about financial misconduct, is [available](#).

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