

Directors appointed to the Independent Office for Police Conduct

Five new independent directors have been announced as they join the Board in non-executive roles at the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC).

The 5 appointees are as follows:

Bill Matthews

Bill began his career as an engineer before progressing into business and operations management roles with Motorola. He then spent 5 years running technology start-ups before building a portfolio of non-executive roles spanning media, health and criminal justice.

Previously a member of the BBC Trust and Chair of the BBC Pension Scheme, Bill now chairs the Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission, is a non-executive director at the Scottish Futures Trust and the Scottish Member of the British Transport Police Authority.

He was a founding non-executive member of the IOPC's Board on its formation in January 2018 and has been re-appointed to the role after being successful in an open and fair competition.

Deborah Bowman

Deborah is Emeritus Professor of Bioethics, Clinical Ethics and Medical Law at St George's University of London, where she also held the role of Deputy Principal until November 2020, with particular responsibility for:

- organisational culture
- public engagement
- quality and partnerships
- equality, diversity and inclusion

She holds several non-executive, trustee and advisory roles, including serving on the Boards of the Human Tissue Authority, South West London and St George's NHS Mental Health Trust, Princess Alice Hospice and the General Osteopathic Council.

She sits as a panel chair for the United Kingdom Council on Psychotherapy and chairs clinical ethics committees, both regional and national.

Rommel Moseley

Rommel's professional experience is in business development, service design and change management. He is an acknowledged expert in the field of corporate, government and charity partnerships – having spent 20 years

negotiating and delivering complex, mutually beneficial partnerships.

Rommel is currently a director of the Thomson Reuters Foundation, which works to advance media freedom, inclusive economies and human rights around the world.

He is a former director at Drinkaware where he developed partnerships across government, including with the Home Office, local authorities and Police and Crime Commissioners, to reduce harm to young people in the night-time economy.

Rommel previously served as the vice chair of the London Night-time Commission and Chair of the Research and Data Group which provided all insights and data to allow the commission to make evidence-based recommendations.

Catherine Jervis

Catherine has held a range of board level positions including current roles as non-executive director at First Community Health and Care (CiC) and non-executive director and SID with Barnet Enfield and Haringey Mental Health NHS Trust.

She recently joined Achieving for Children, a community interest company, as an independent non-executive director.

Prior to this, Catherine was an executive director and strategic advisor to the CEO of a national education charity (AFA). At PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, she led the Children's Services Team working across education, health and social care.

Catherine is a qualified accountant. Like Bill, Catherine was also a founding non-executive member of the IOPC's board on its formation in January 2018 and has been reappointed to the role after being successful in an open and fair competition.

Christine Elliott

Christine, whose term as Acting Chair of the College of Policing ended in December 2020, was the College's first independent director appointed in 2015. She is a proven senior leader with substantial chairing and non-executive experience. Christine is also Chair of the Health and Care Professions Council, which regulates 15 professions. She is also an independent lay member of the Editors' Code Committee, which reviews and revises the Code used by all UK press regulators.

Her career encompasses public, private and non-profit sectors. Christine is on the advisory board of Trybe.ID, a digital identity and credentialing platform headquartered in Toronto, Canada. She also chairs the advisory board of Albeego Ltd, a British mobile telecoms firm providing digital devices with stable, secure internet connectivity.

About the announcement

The announcement follows a stringent recruitment process, which followed the Office of the Commissioner for Public Appointments (OCPA) Code of Practice.

Successful individuals were then appointed by the Home Secretary.

Home Secretary Priti Patel said:

I welcome these appointments – each of the appointees bring a wealth of different experiences drawn from the private and public sectors.

The work that the Independent Office for Police Conduct carries out is critical to maintaining public confidence in our police complaints system. These appointees will play a vital role in ensuring the efficient and effective running of the organisation.

Geoffrey Podger will remain in post as the Senior Independent Director. Further announcements on the remaining non-executive roles on the Board will be made in due course.

This news story was updated on 15 February 2021 to include details about Christine Elliot, new independent director appointed to the IOPC.

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[£35.5m to support young people at risk of involvement in serious violence](#)

Violence Reduction Units bring together organisations across local communities to tackle violent crime and address its underlying causes. These units also help fund vital local projects that do positive preventative work with children and young people.

This £35.5 million, which covers 2021/22, is the third year of funding for 18 Violence Reduction Units operating across England and Wales in areas worst affected by serious violence. This takes the total invested in Violence Reduction Units to more than £105 million and further delivers on the government's pledge to crack down on violent crime.

In their first year of activity, initiatives funded by the scheme supported more than 100,000 young people, more than 51,000 of whom were identified as being at high-risk of being involved in criminal and violent activity. They also helped bring police, education leaders, health workers and local government together to share information about the causes of violence and agree a coordinated plan of action to tackle it. This is crucial to preventing crime at a local level. Today's funding means that they can continue this vital work.

Home Secretary Priti Patel said:

Violence Reduction Units play a vital role in preventing young people from being dragged into the horrors of serious violence, and this funding will enable them to continue this crucial work.

I will continue to back our police with the resources and powers they need to cut crime and make your community safer.

Work funded by Violence Reduction Units has included prevention work in schools, communities, prisons, hospitals, Pupil Referral Units and police custody suites.

The Home Office, in partnership with the National Police Chiefs' Council, is hosting a virtual Four Nations conference this week, which will be attended by Minister for Crime and Policing Kit Malthouse. The Minister will hear about the significant work taking place to support young people and discuss

the importance of tackling serious violence.

Policing Minister Kit Malthouse said:

Violence Reduction Units are providing life-changing support to young people.

The Four Nations conference brings together expert minds to develop ideas and solutions which will make a real difference in tackling serious violence.

Ultimately these are solutions that will ensure young people are able to lead positive lives and achieve their potential.

Association of Police and Crime Commissioners Lead for Serious Violence and PCC for West Yorkshire, Mark Burns-Williamson OBE, said:

Police and Crime Commissioners are pleased that Ministers and the Home Office have recognised the value and ongoing work of our VRUs by committing to another year of funding. Today's announcement means we will continue to invest in projects which support young people in particular, diverting them away from violence, harm and exploitation.

Robust police enforcement is important in bringing violent offenders to justice and protecting communities. But when partners come together, recognising what can be achieved by adopting a wider public-health approach, we can also address some of the longer-term underlying issues and prevent violence in the first place with effective early intervention measures.

National Police Chiefs' Council Lead for Violence & Vulnerability, Assistant Chief Constable Jackie Sebire, said:

Less than 2 years ago, Violence Reduction Units (VRUs) were launched to tackle the root causes of serious violence as policing saw an increase in this type of criminality.

In that time, these specialist units, which work in partnership with other agencies, have already made a significant change in how we approach serious violence and vulnerability, allowing targeted and evidenced-based interventions.

We welcome the commitment from government in tackling serious violence and this funding will allow the units to continue to

support young people and keep communities safe.

In addition to the funding announced today, more than £2 million is being made available via a winter contingency fund package. This money is being delivered through VRUs to local charities and social enterprises that support vulnerable young people at risk of involvement in violence through the lockdown period.

The money forms part of a wider government drive to tackle crime and make communities safer, which includes bringing in 20,000 additional police officers over the next 3 years, 6,620 of which have already been recruited. Since 2019, the government has also invested £106.5 million to boost police operational capacity in the 18 police forces worst affected by serious violence. This is separate to the funding for VRUs.

The £35.5 million VRU funding announced today for 21/22 is broken down as follows*.

VRU allocation for 21/22

London: £7,000,000

West Midlands: £3,370,000

Greater Manchester: £3,370,000

Merseyside: £3,370,000

West Yorkshire: £3,370,000

South Yorkshire: £1,600,000

Northumbria: £1,600,000

Thames Valley: £1,160,000

Lancashire: £1,160,000

Essex: £1,160,000

Avon and Somerset: £1,160,000

Kent: £1,160,000

Nottinghamshire: £880,000

Leicestershire: £880,000

Bedfordshire: £880,000

Sussex: £880,000

Hampshire: £880,000

South Wales: £880,000

Total: £34,760,000**

*The £35.5 million VRU funding announced today for 21/22 is subject to receiving proposals from VRUs on their use of the funding and to these plans being agreed by the Home Office.

** the remaining funding from the £35.5 million will be spent on evaluation and sharing learning.

[Scottish seafood taskforce to drive progress](#)

News story

A task force dedicated to driving forward the seafood sector in Scotland will meet for the first time this week



The Scottish Seafood Exports Task Force draws together the UK Government and a wide range of key industry representatives from the catching, processing and aquaculture sectors. The Scottish Government has been invited to be represented at both ministerial and official level.

The group will be hosted by the Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland and chaired by UK Government Minister for Scotland David Duguid.

Mr Duguid:

We have had extensive consultations with the industry and have been working day and night to resolve issues around the new arrangements for getting our world-class seafood to customers in Europe.

From this ongoing consultation with industry representatives, I

believe that the gap they would like us to fill would comprise an action-oriented group. This will work collaboratively across UK and Scottish governments, increasing confidence in the seafood and aquaculture supply chain by ensuring that medium and longer-term export issues are resolved.

I am clear about the need for action. I want the taskforce to track the export process to identify issues stopping or delaying export, and areas of complexity that are not yet well understood.

We want to seek a common understanding on the export process and address concerns by developing solutions to be taken forward by the UK Government, Scottish Government and EU. And we want to ensure there is effective communication with the industry to ensure traders are aware of issues and of solutions.

Existing working groups which bring together the UK Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the industry to tackle day-to-day issues will continue to operate, and the Scottish seafood sector remains heavily engaged in these.

The new task force will meet fortnightly, with a focus on establishing and pushing forward the actions needed to help secure a prosperous long-term future for the Scottish seafood industry, taking advantage of new opportunities as well as addressing current challenges.

The UK Government have also announced a £23 million scheme which will provide crucial support for fishermen and seafood exporters, who have experienced delays and a lack of demand for fish from the restaurant industry in the UK and Europe. This is in addition to the £100 million fund announced by the Prime Minister in December.

Mr Duguid has written to Fergus Ewing MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Tourism at Holyrood, inviting him and officials to take part in the inaugural meeting this week.

Support provided to the industry includes:

- Dialogue has already delivered swift solutions to a number of problems that caused difficulties for the industry, including – but not limited to – computer system glitches.
- Issuing clear guidance on the required IT forms to stakeholder representative groups, hauliers and businesses.
- Frequent meetings with businesses to understand and address issues as they arise.
- Working closely with individual businesses to help them get used to the new procedures required to ensure that errors or problems are tackled early.
- UK Government has stood up extra physical resources to support certification in Scottish export hubs
- The UK Government has provided specialist certifiers to support Food

Standards Scotland and DFDS

- Working with French authorities to ensure that minor administrative issues associated with EHCs have not prevented goods from entering the market and with the EU Commission to help member states adopt consistent approaches.
- Providing extensive guidance as part of a range of measures to help the industry meet new export requirements, including training, regular engagement and weekly bulletins.

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