

Appointment of Jo Farrar as Second Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Justice

News story

The Ministry of Justice Permanent Secretary has today (16 March 2021) announced that Jo Farrar has been appointed as the new Second Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Justice.



The Ministry of Justice Permanent Secretary, with the agreement of the Prime Minister, has today announced that Jo Farrar, currently Chief Executive, HM Prison and Probation Service, has been appointed as the new Second Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Justice.

This newly created role brings together HM Prison and Probation Service, the Office of the Public Guardian, Legal Aid Agency and Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority, and will support the Permanent Secretary in leading across the 75,000 strong Ministry of Justice group.

Welcoming Jo's appointment, Simon Case, Cabinet Secretary said:

I am delighted to welcome Jo Farrar as the new Second Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Justice. She has a wealth of relevant experience in the department and I look forward to working with her in her new role.

Ministry of Justice Permanent Secretary, Antonia Romeo, said:

I am delighted to announce the appointment of Jo Farrar into this pivotal position. As a major delivery Department, MOJ has a challenging agenda to protect the public, reduce reoffending and provide swift access to justice. Jo brings a wealth of experience to the newly created Second Permanent Secretary role, which will

lead four of our vital delivery agencies, as well playing a major role leading the whole of the MOJ group.

Jo Farrar said:

This is a fantastic opportunity to help shape the future of the Ministry of Justice and a real privilege. People in the MOJ work incredibly hard to deliver essential public services and I am proud of everything we have achieved over the last two years. I look forward to taking on this new challenge and working with Ministers and the Permanent Secretary to deliver a world-class justice system.

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