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[Press release: Queen appoints Lord-](#)

Lieutenant of North Yorkshire

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Mrs Johanna Ropner DL as Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the County of North Yorkshire in succession to the late Mr Barry Dodd CBE.