

Change of Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Republic of Albania: Alastair King-Smith

Press release

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Full name: Alastair King-Smith

2020	FCO, Deputy Director, Coronavirus Cross-Government Taskforce
2018 to 2020	FCO, Deputy Director, Multilateral Policy Directorate and Co-ordinator, Global Campaign for Media Freedom
2015 to 2018	FCO, Head of International Counter Extremism
2013 to 2015	FCO, Head of Strategic Communications and Security Campaigns
2013	Nairobi, Acting Deputy High Commissioner
2013	FCO, Acting Private Secretary to the Permanent Under-Secretary
2012	Tel Aviv, Acting Deputy Head of Mission and Head of Political Team
2011 to 2012	FCO, Head of Near East Group
2008 to 2011	Islamabad, Deputy & Acting Political Counsellor; later seconded to Department for International Development (DFID), UK Representative, Punjab
2005 to 2008	DFID, Co-ordinator for Integrated Planning and Lessons Learning, UK Stabilisation Unit

2003 to 2004 FCO, Head of Political Planning, Iraq Policy Unit

1999 to 2003 Khartoum, Head of Political, Economic and Information Sections;
later Special Adviser for Peace Affairs

1999 Tripoli, Acting Chargé d'Affaires

1998 to 1999 Full-time Language Training (Arabic)

1996 – 1997 FCO, Desk Officer for Russia Political Affairs, Eastern
Department

1996 Joined Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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