

Christine Elliott appointed interim Chair of College of Policing

Christine Elliott has been appointed by the Home Secretary as interim Chair of the College of Policing, following her nomination by the College Board.

She takes over the role from outgoing Chair Millie Banerjee.

Christine has been a College Non-Executive Director since April 2015. She is the College's first Senior Independent Director and has chaired the Audit and Risk, and the Nominations and Remuneration Committees and currently chairs the College Regulatory Consultative Committee.

Home Secretary Priti Patel said:

Christine will be a strong and effective interim Chair of the College of Policing.

Her experience gained across a variety of senior leadership roles will help the College advance the professional development of all police officers across the country as this government recruits 20,000 new officers and ensures that policing prioritises reducing crime.

Christine is also Chair of the Health and Care Professions Council, which regulates fifteen professions, and is an independent lay member of the Editors' Code Committee, which reviews and revises the code used by all UK press regulators.

Her career spans across the public, private and non-profit sectors. Notably she previously served as Director of Bletchley Park, the World War 2 code breaking site, helping it become an internationally renowned heritage attraction backed by millions in government infrastructure investment and private donations.

Christine Elliot said:

We all rely on brave and talented police officers and staff to protect us in increasingly complex circumstances and I'm looking forward to helping strengthen our connection with the frontline and deliver important pieces of work to support the service.

A fair and open process to recruit a substantive Chair will take place in the coming months.