

# ESFA appoints Warwick Sharp as Director of Academies and Maintained Schools

News story

Following a competitive recruitment process, Warwick Sharp has been appointed as substantive Director of the Academies and Maintained Schools Directorate (AMSD) at ESFA



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[Warwick](#) has over 12 years experience in education strategy and policy. Warwick has been leading AMSD since July 2020, having previously led the Department for Education's Private Office Directorate, including the Secretary of State's immediate Private Office – as well as supporting Ministers, the Permanent Secretary, Special Advisers and the Board.

Under Warwick's leadership, the AMSD directorate will deliver key priorities including continuing to support the sector through the impact of COVID-19, taking forward critical regulatory, improvement and intervention functions, and supporting schools to manage their resources as effectively as possible.

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