

HSE's new CEO takes the reigns

Sarah Albon, the new chief executive of Britain's workplace health and safety regulator takes up her post today (Monday 02 Sept).

Ms Albon has vacated her post as inspector general and CEO of the Insolvency Service, where she has been since 2015 to take charge of the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

She replaces acting chief executive David Snowball who has held the post since June 2018 and will be retiring from HSE at the end of the year.

Ms Albon's past roles includes roles as director of Strategy and Change at Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service, director of Civil Family and Legal Aid Policy and deputy director of Criminal Legal Aid Strategy at the Ministry of Justice. She has also served as principal private secretary to two Lord Chancellors.

Martin Temple, HSE's Chair has welcomed the appointment: "I am looking forward enormously to working with our new chief executive.

"Sarah's CV speaks for itself and her valuable experience in leading organisations through change and planning for the future will stand her in good stead leading this world-class regulator of workplace health and safety."

Sarah said: "I've been looking forward to getting started in my new role and meeting colleagues and partners who all are committed to advancing HSE's mission to save lives by reducing risk, protecting people and the environment.

"I am honoured to have the opportunity to lead this important and hugely respected regulator. Working together with my new colleagues across HSE, my focus will be on continuing to deliver improvements in health and safety performance as our workplaces move into a future with new challenges, new technologies and new opportunities."

You'll be able to follow Sarah on Twitter at @CEO_HSE.

Notes to Editors

1. The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) is Britain's national regulator for workplace health and safety. We prevent work-related death, injury and ill health through regulatory actions that range from influencing behaviours across whole industry sectors through to targeted interventions on individual businesses. These activities are supported by globally recognised scientific expertise. www.hse.gov.uk

2. The Commissioner for Public Appointments regulates all appointments made by the Secretary of State to SSAC. All such appointments are made in accordance with the Code of Practice published by the

commissioner. The code is based on three core principles – merit, openness and fairness.

3. More information about HSE and its Board can be found at:
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/aboutus/people.htm>

4. HSE is an Executive Non-Departmental Public Body sponsored by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP).

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