Latest ESFA senior staff changes

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An update from Eileen Milner, ESFA chief executive, on senior staff moves in the agency



Eileen Milner, ESFA chief executive said:

ESFA's Director of Funding, Kate Josephs, has been asked to take up a Director General role in the Cabinet Office dealing with the Government response to COVID-19, with immediate effect.

Kate has been responsible for leading and overseeing the creation and operation of a single Funding Operations Centre of Excellence responsible for schools, academies and post-16 funding. This includes the allocation of all schools and academies funding including the national funding formula, the post-16 funding agenda, apprenticeships funding and adults skills funding. In addition to her to role of Director of Funding, Kate has also been the lead Director of ESFA's COVID-19 core team. She has expertly balanced two very demanding roles and has done so with great skill and capability.

From Thursday 16 July John Edwards, the Regional Schools Commissioner for East Midlands and the Humber, will be moving across to join ESFA as the new Director of Funding. John brings with him a wealth of experience as an RSC and in local government. I know he is very much looking forward to working with the directorate team and stakeholders to continue to develop an efficient and user-centred approach across the agency's funding responsibilities.

I wish Kate and John all the very best as they step into their new roles.