

Minister for Women and Equalities reappoints Scotland Commissioner of the Equality and Human Rights Commission

News story

Lesley Sawers has been reappointed as Scotland Commissioner of the Equality and Human Rights Commission



Professor Lesley Sawers has been reappointed by Liz Truss, the Minister for Women and Equalities, as Scotland Commissioner of the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) until March 2025. She has been in this role since March 2016.

The EHRC is Great Britain's designated equality body and 'A-rated' National Human Rights Institution.

Professor Lesley Sawers has thirty years' experience working in the public, private and third sector. Her skills and experience include work on strategy, organisational change, executive management, socio-economic development, strategic communications and stakeholder engagement.

Lesley Sawers said:

"As Great Britain continues to navigate the pandemic, and as we consider our recovery and renewal, EHRC has a crucial role to ensure that equality and human rights are at the centre of our shared vision to build our society and our economy back better, fairer and stronger.

"I am delighted to be reappointed as the Scotland Commissioner for EHRC and Chair of the Commission's Scotland Committee, and I look forward to the task ahead."

Additional information:

- The Equality and Human Rights Commission is a statutory body established under the Equality Act 2006. It is an independent body responsible for protecting and promoting equality and human rights in Great Britain. It aims to encourage equality and diversity, eliminate unlawful discrimination, and promote and protect human rights. The Commission enforces equality legislation on age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation. It encourages compliance with the Human Rights Act 1998 and is accredited by the UN as an 'A status' National Human Rights Institution.
- Details of board members and further information is available [online](#).

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