

[New appointments to the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council](#)

Dr Jennifer Hoyle

Dr Jennifer Hoyle is a Consultant Respiratory Physician and Occupational Lung Disease Lead at the Pennine Acute NHS Trust, based at North Manchester General Hospital. She has been appointed as an independent member due to her extensive experience.

Since 2018 Jennifer has been the clinical respiratory lead for Greater Manchester and East Cheshire Strategic Clinical Network. She has run a busy Occupational Lung Disease department since 2004, is a member of GORDS UK (Group of Occupational Respiratory Disease Specialists) and the British Thoracic Society. Jennifer is also an Honorary Lecturer at Manchester University and has published widely on occupational lung disease including interstitial occupational diseases.

Daniel Shears

Daniel Shears from the GMB Union has been appointed as a representative of employees.

As the National Health, Safety and Environmental Director with the GMB Union, Daniel is responsible for the provision of specialist advice and guidance on all aspects of health and safety at work and the environment for members employed in both the public and private sectors. He is also a member of the Unite union and has been a member of the Labour Party since 2008. Daniel's appointment means that there is continued equal representation of employees and employers on the Council, in compliance with Schedule 6 of the Social Security Act 1992

Lesley Francois

Lesley Francois is a solicitor with Slater & Gordon LLP and has been appointed as an independent member with legal experience.

She has more than 15 years representing victims of industrial disease and serious injury and although she specialises in mesothelioma and other asbestos related cases, Lesley has also represented those with occupational asthma, hand arm vibration syndrome and other work related upper limb disorders.

The Chair of the Council, Dr Lesley Rushton, welcomed the new appointments and the wealth of experience they will bring in taking IIAC's work forward.