

New chief executive appointed for VMD

News story

Abigail Seager has been appointed as Defra's new Chief Executive of the Veterinary Medicines Directorate.



Photo of Abigail Seager

The VMD announced today that Abigail Seager has been appointed new CEO. An experienced Senior Civil Servant, Abi will succeed Professor Pete Borriello, who is retiring after ten years in the post.

Abi was appointed VMD's Director of the Authorisations in May 2018 and previously held other leading roles in the VMD as Head of the EU Exit and International Office and Head of the General Assessment and Imports Team.

I'm very excited about this appointment" said David Kennedy, Defra's Director General for Food, Farming and Biosecurity – "Abi is incredibly well placed to lead the organisation in the next phase. I look forward to working closely with Abi and VMD as they ensure veterinary medicines continue to be safe, together with growing their international business and leading our work on AMR

Before joining the VMD, Abi held roles in Defra and the Ministry of Justice spanning policy, strategy and operational delivery, including delivery of major programmes. Abi's scientific background is in the field of microbiology and genetics.

The Veterinary Medicines Directorate is an executive agency of Defra and is responsible for ensuring the safe and effective use of veterinary medicinal products to protect public health, animal health, and the environment.

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