

New non-executive director to join HSE Board

The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions has confirmed a new non-executive director appointment to the Board of the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

Ken Rivers will replace Ken Robertson, who left HSE's Board in July 2023, bringing with him a wealth of experience from the oil and chemical sectors that will help HSE continue to deliver on its 10-year strategy.

Chair of HSE, Sarah Newton, welcoming the appointment, stated:

"I am delighted that Ken Rivers will be joining us on the HSE Board. I'm looking forward to welcoming Ken into our team of effective and committed non-executive directors focused on enabling the delivery of HSE's vitally important mission, vision and ten-year strategy."



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Ken has significant experience of working with government and regulators in the oil and chemical sectors. HE has been a CEO of the listed company Refining NZ and held senior positions within Shell.

Ken has skills and experience relevant to organisations operating in regulated environments where safety is critical. Until recently, he was chair of the COMAH Strategic Forum and successfully chaired this tripartite group for the last eight years since inception.

Ken is a member of the Industry Safety Steering Group monitoring industry's progress in implementing the Building Regulation and Fire Safety review post-Grenfell. He also chaired the industry/regulator task force in the wake of

the Buncefield Terminal explosion. Ken has a track record of managing change and business turnarounds based on developing a clear strategic direction and building organisational capability.

About HSE

1. The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) is Britain's national regulator for workplace health and safety. HSE also has added responsibilities, such as becoming the appointed Building Safety Regulator. 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. [hse.gov.uk](https://www.hse.gov.uk).
2. HSE is an Executive Non-Departmental Public Body sponsored by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP).