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News story

Abi Tierney will take up the role.



Abi Tierney, who is Director General for Her Majesty's Passport Office and UK Visas and Immigration, has been appointed as the new Registrar General for England and Wales.

Her appointment to become the head of the General Register Office (GRO) has been formally made by the Queen and takes effect from 1 March 2021. She succeeds the previous Registrar General, Myrtle Lloyd, who will be moving to HMRC as Director General for Customer Services.

Abi Tierney said:

I am delighted to have been appointed 23rd Registrar General for England and Wales, and am looking forward to supporting local authorities and registrars in delivering the local registration service. I am proud to serve as the head of the General Register Office, and to lead its continued development of new ways of working that put the customer at the heart.

The GRO oversees registration services to the public, including the registration of marriages, civil partnerships, births, deaths, stillbirths and adoptions.

It is the Registrar General's responsibility to make the regulations that govern the duties of registrars and the registration processes. They are also required by law to create and make publicly available a free index of registration records for searching purposes and to issue certificates.

Find out more [information about the Registrar General and the GRO](#).

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