

[New Senior Independent Director appointed to the Independent Office for Police Conduct](#)

News story

Home Secretary makes a further non-executive appointment to the Board of the Independent Office for Police Conduct.



Following on from [February's announcement](#) on the appointment of 5 new Independent Directors, Julia Mulligan has now also joined the Board as the Senior Independent Director (the lead non-executive role).

Having served for nearly nine years as a Police and Crime Commissioner, Julia is an experienced, senior leader in the policing sector. Following her decision to stand down in May 2021, she now holds a number of senior roles including Non-Executive Director for the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority, which works to protect vulnerable and exploited workers. Julia is also a member of Dame Sara Thornton's Advisory Panel, which provides support to the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner.

With a long-standing interest in supporting victims, Julia is Chair of IDAS, one of the largest specialist domestic abuse charities in the North of England. In September 2020, she joined the Parole Board as an Independent Member, and in March 2021 was appointed by the Home Secretary as the Independent Chair of the Police Advisory Board for England and Wales.

About the announcement

The announcement follows a stringent recruitment process, which followed the Office of the Commissioner for Public Appointments (OCPA) Code of Practice.

Successful individuals were then appointed by the Home Secretary.

Julia takes up post today (7 May 2021), taking over from Geoffrey Podger who has acted as the Senior Independent Director since IOPC's inception in

January 2018.

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