

# News story: New Director General of Immigration Enforcement appointed

Hugh Ind has been appointed as the new Director General of Immigration Enforcement, the Home Office announced today (18 July).

Hugh, who has worked for the Home Office for 26 years, takes up his new role with immediate effect.

He takes overall responsibility for Immigration Enforcement, which is responsible for preventing abuse, tracking immigration offenders and increasing compliance with immigration law.

Hugh joined the Home Office in 1991 and previously held roles including the leadership of the Bill Team for the Regulation of the Investigatory Powers Act 2000. He was Strategic Director for the UK's Asylum System from 2009 to 2013 and has been the interim Director General of Immigration Enforcement since autumn 2016.

Permanent Secretary Philip Rutnam said:

I would like to congratulate Hugh on his permanent appointment. His experience from both within and leading Immigration Enforcement will provide sound, consistent leadership and I look forward to continuing to work with him.

Commenting on his appointment, Hugh Ind said:

Having grown up in the Home Office, it is a great personal honour for me to be appointed Director General of Immigration Enforcement and to lead operations that are of such significance to the British public.

I look forward to continuing to realise our vision of reducing the illegal migrant population by ensuring compliance with immigration laws right across the UK and further increasing the number of foreign national offenders we remove from the UK.