

# [News story: The Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Appoints Four New Members to the Board of UK Anti-Doping](#)

## **Dr Frances Akor**

Frances Akor is a Consultant Pharmacist at Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust and a member of the General Pharmaceutical Council's Fitness to Practise and Investigating Committees. She was a member of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Pharmacy Clinical Services Group between 2009 and 2012. Frances has a PhD in Pharmacy Practice and Policy which focused on the practical implementation of NHS policy using anticoagulation as the therapy area of focus. Over the last fifteen years Frances has worked in academia, consultancy, pharmaceutical industry and the NHS. She will take up her appointment as Board member at UK Anti-Doping on 1st October 2017.

## **Nicholas Griffin QC**

Nicholas Griffin is a barrister with expertise in both criminal and public law. He has worked with the police and other agencies in relation to significant investigations and cases. He regularly appears in public inquiries covering a wide variety of issues, from allegations of widespread abuse to military and police action. Additionally, Nicholas conducts internal investigations for institutions concerned about irregular activity and advises in relation to bribery, corruption and compliance matters. He will take up his appointment as Board member at UK Anti-Doping on 1st October 2017.

## **Dr Claire-Marie Roberts**

Claire-Marie Roberts is a Chartered Psychologist, a Chartered Scientist, Senior Lecturer of Sport and Exercise Psychology and Co-programme Leader for the MSc in Sport and Exercise Psychology at the University of the West of England in Bristol. In addition to her academic work, Claire-Marie works as a sport psychology consultant to National Governing Bodies, professional sports teams, athletes, their parents, coaches and sport scientists. She has helped prepare a number of athletes and teams for international competitions including the Olympic, Paralympic and Commonwealth Games. Her role as a British Olympic Association sport psychology consultant at the London 2012 Olympics was to date, her career highlight. She will take up her appointment as Board member at UK Anti-Doping on 1st October 2017.

## **Prof Nicola Phillips**

Nicola is an internationally registered Sports Physiotherapy specialist and a Professor at Cardiff University. She has worked extensively with both the

Welsh and British teams at Olympic Games and Commonwealth Games for over 25 years. She is chef de mission for Wales's Commonwealth Games team for 2018 and President of the International Federation of Sports Physical Therapy 2011 – 2017. Nicola's main areas of both clinical and academic work are in rehabilitation of high performance athletes. Her publications also include logistical and ethical considerations for athlete support staff working at Major Games. She will take up her appointment as Board member at UK Anti-Doping on 1st October 2017.

These appointment have been made in accordance with the Cabinet Office's Governance Code on Public Appointments. The appointments process is regulated by the Commissioner for Public Appointments. Under the Code, any significant political activity undertaken by an appointee in the last five years must be declared. This is defined as including holding office, public speaking, making a recordable donation, or candidature for election. These individuals have declared no such political activity.