

# Robin Simcox's interim term as commissioner extended

News story

The Interim Commissioner for Countering Extremism's appointment has been extended until March 2022.



He will now build upon the work of the last 6 months, which has included providing advice on the future structure and function of the commission, raising awareness around extremism in all its forms across the public sector, and considering how best public bodies can be supported in their efforts to disrupt those who seek to sow division in our communities.

Robin Simcox said:

My time as Interim Commissioner for Countering Extremism so far has only served to reinforce my belief that a robust governmental response to extremism is necessary. I have been very heartened to see such Ministerial enthusiasm for the role of the commission in helping to shape this response, and such willingness across government to harness the commission's expertise.

Ahead of the appointment of a permanent commissioner, which will take place in due course, the next 6 months will see a focus on rapidly building up the commission's capacity to provide best-in-class independent advice and expertise to government.

A campaign will commence shortly to recruit a permanent lead commissioner, details of which will be made available on the [Cabinet Office Public Appointments website](#).

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