

SECRETARY OF STATE ANNOUNCES THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF NIO LEAD NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

News story

The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, the Right Honourable Chris Heaton-Harris MP, has announced the re-appointment of Leslie Philpott as Lead Non-Executive Director for the Northern Ireland Office.



This appointment is for a further term of three years ending on 30 September 2026.

Biography

Leslie Philpott is a Chartered Accountant with a background in public finance and leadership at senior executive levels. He is a former Chief Executive of the Office for Nuclear Regulation and had previously held senior roles in Health and Safety Executive. His portfolio of non-executive experience includes membership of the NEBOSH Board, Mid-Cheshire NHS Trust, Benenden Healthcare Society and Board of the Government Actuary's Department.

Terms of Appointment

- The position is a part-time appointment for a duration of three years.
- The position attracts a fixed remuneration of £12,500 per annum for a commitment of approximately 20 days per year.
- The position is not pensionable.

Regulation

This appointment is not regulated by the Commissioner for Public Appointments.

Political Activity

Non-Executive Directors to departmental boards are appointed on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. However, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for appointees' political activity in defined categories to be made public.

Mr Philpott has declared that he has not been politically active in the last five years.

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