

The Secretary of State has reappointed Frances Akor and Nicola Phillips as Non-Executive Directors of UK Anti-Doping

News story

Frances Akor and Nicola Phillips have been reappointed by the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport as Non-Executive Directors of UK Anti-Doping for a four year period from 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2025.



Frances Akor is a Consultant Pharmacist at Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust and a member of the General Pharmaceutical Council's Fitness to Practise Committee, who has worked in academia, consultancy, pharmaceutical industry and the NHS. Frances has an interest in the role of pharmacy and medicines in Sport. She was a member of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Pharmacy Clinical Services Group between 2009 and 2012. In addition, she was the Venue Medical Manager for Eton Dorney and Royal Holloway Rowing Village during the 2012 Games. 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, and has served on the board of UK Anti-Doping since 2017.

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. Her academic role includes leading an MSc in Sport and Exercise Physiotherapy as well as research into rehabilitation following sports injury. Nicola was previously President of the International Federation of Sports Physical Therapy. She is a Fellow of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy, an Honorary Life Member of the Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Sport and Exercise Medicine and a UK Anti-Doping Board member. Her research, publication and lecturing areas include the effects of injury on motor control and measurement of functional recovery following sports injury in general and specifically knee injuries, which includes athletes of all ages and

abilities. She has also published and lectured on ethical and integrity considerations in sports physiotherapy practice.

These roles are remunerated at £215 per day. These reappointments have been made in accordance with the [Cabinet Office's Governance Code on Public Appointments](#), the process is regulated by the Commissioner for Public Appointments. The Government's Governance Code requires that any significant political activity undertaken by an appointee in the last five years is declared. This is defined as holding office, public speaking, making a recordable donation or candidature for election. Frances Akor and Nicola Phillips have not declared any activity.

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