

# Three new faces for HSE Board

The Secretary of State for the Department for Work and Pensions has confirmed three non-executive director Board appointments to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

HSE is an Executive Non-Departmental Public Body sponsored by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP).

The appointments were made following open competition. Claire Sullivan will take up post on 1 August, Ged Nicholls on 1 September and Jonathan McDermid on 1 October. Existing Board member, George Brechin, has also been reappointed for another two years.

Claire Sullivan has extensive board level experience and since 2014 has been Director of Employment Relations and Union Services (ERUS). She was previously a member of the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council (IIAC) and has an extensive understanding of health and safety at board level.

Ged Nicholls is the General Secretary of trade union, Accord (Independent trade union, affiliated to the TUC and the Scottish TUC) and has holds positions on the TUC's governing General Council, Executive Committee and Superannuation Society Ltd and is a non-executive director of the Involvement & Participation.

Chartered Engineer Professor Jonathan McDermid is creator of the High Integrity Systems Engineering (HISE) Group, the world's largest academic research group addressing high integrity systems and software, with a focus on safety and security. The group works extensively with industry in the UK and Europe with Bosch, JLR, Rolls-Royce and Siemens, and has strong international links, with NASA and with Beijing Jiaotong University.

Outgoing Board members are Sir Paul Kenny, Jonathan Baume and Martyn Thomas. The Chair of HSE, Martin Temple, is delighted to welcome this new strength and experience to the Board and expresses his gratitude to Sir Paul Kenny, Jonathan Baume and Martyn Thomas for their valuable contribution to HSE over recent years .

Further information about the HSE and its Board can be found at:  
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/aboutus/people.htm>

## **Notes to Editors**

1. The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) is Britain's national regulator for workplace health and safety. We prevent work-related death, injury and ill health through regulatory actions that range from influencing behaviours across whole industry sectors through to targeted interventions on individual businesses. These activities are supported by globally recognised scientific expertise. [www.hse.gov.uk](http://www.hse.gov.uk)
2. The Commissioner for Public Appointments regulates all appointments made by the Secretary of State to SSAC. All such appointments are made in

accordance with the Code of Practice published by the commissioner. The code is based on three core principles – merit, openness and fairness.

3. Any questions about the appointment of Board members should be directed to the DWP Press Office.

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