
NICE Interim Chair

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Thanks for sending the information for the Commissioner to consider the exceptional appointment of Tim Irish to the Chair of NICE.

The Commissioner is content with the decision which is sensible in regards to purdah and does not undermine the competition for the long-term replacement. He also appreciates the sensible term length which will be adjusted to suit the incoming Chair once the competition completes.

He would however like to remind DHSC that the Governance Code is clear that appointments made without competition have to be consulted on with the Commissioner and that DHSC should make it regular practice to start these consultations soon as possible to avoid the risk of breaching the Code. OCPA does do its very best to turn around decisions quickly and indeed we did do this for numerous Department's in similar situations before purdah.

We will record this appointment as an exceptional appointment on our website as we usually do, but not before the public announcement. If you could let us know when that happens, that would be appreciated.

Best wishes,

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